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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of  
a syndicated article by Westbrook Pegler, appearing  
in the Oklahoma News under date of June 26, 1935,  
relative to the Bureau and to the Department, which  
I believe should be called to the Bureau's attention.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SCHMIDT  
MR. HARRIS

Please place the following name on the Bureau's  
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Mr. Westbrock Paglar,  
New York World-Telegram,  
125 Barclay Street,  
New York City.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# Fair Enough

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WESTBROOK PEGLER

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The record of the Department of Justice men in shelling a lot of barefoot hill-billies and sending the survivors to prison is good feature matter for the papers, but they are not as good in court as they are in the wide open spaces. The best they could do for themselves with the Whaley man who kidnaped the Weyerhaeuser kid was a minimum of fifteen years, although the prisoner already had a record as long as a week in church.

Why not turn to and win a few without resort to small arms?

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Mr. Westbrook Pegler,  
New York World-Telegram,  
125 Barclay Street,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Pegler:

My attention has been invited to an article prepared by you, which appeared in the New York World-Telegram on Wednesday, June 26, 1935, entitled "Court Record of Department of Justice Not as Good as More Colorful Exploits in the Wide Open Spaces." I have been a constant reader of your column and I felt, with respect to this particular article, that you would want to be advised of the facts concerning the matters referred to therein.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice has investigative jurisdiction over a large number of Federal violations, including antitrust cases, bankruptcy violations, impersonation cases, bribery, perjury, frauds against the Government, crimes on the high seas and on Government reservations, violations of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, National Bank Act, Federal Kidnaping Act, Federal Extortion Act, and War Risk Insurance Act, cases involving thefts from national banks and federal depositories, and numerous other violations. In fact, this Bureau has jurisdiction over all cases involving violations of Federal laws except those dealing with counterfeiting, smuggling, narcotic, and income tax matters.

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The investigative force of this Bureau is composed of carefully selected young men who are lawyers, expert accountants, or have extensive law enforcement experience prior to applying for appointment in this service. Following their appointment, these young men report to Washington, where they are afforded a three-month course of training dealing with all the matters which are handled by them as Special Agents. They are taught the rudiments of fingerprint-classification system; they are schooled in the use of crime detection aids; they are sent to the Marine Corps base at Parris, Virginia, where they are trained in the use of all types of weapons which they may be called upon to use in dealing with the criminal, including high-powered rifles, machine guns, and gas. They are also instructed in investigative procedure and ethics, and are supervised, not only by qualified experts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but also by the Department of Justice.

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Bureau of Investigation, but by recognized authorities in identification work connected with other Governmental agencies and with universities and police agencies throughout the country. We try to impress upon the newly appointed Special Agent that his duty is to secure the facts concerning the case under investigation, rather than to attempt to secure convictions. In other words, we are just as well pleased to prove that an individual is innocent as to prove that he is guilty of a Federal violation.

Following the intensive training course at Washington, the newly appointed Special Agent is attached to one of the thirty-seven field offices of this Bureau located in central points throughout the country. There he works with more experienced Agents for a time, until he is thoroughly qualified to perform investigative work on his own initiative. A very thorough system of training is continued in the case of each Agent until he is entirely equipped to individually handle involved and technical investigative work.

Despite stories to the contrary, Special Agents of this Bureau are not "trigger men" in any sense. They have never been instructed to "shoot to kill!" However, they are thoroughly trained in the use of all types of weapons and are fully prepared to handle situations involving dangerous criminals when the occasion demands such action. There is no mystery about investigative work. It resolves itself into a question of hard work and a capacity for inquiring into each minute detail in connection with a case under investigation.

This Bureau cooperates at all times with state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the entire country. As an example of this cooperation, the Bureau is receiving, at the present time, an average of 3,000 fingerprint cards each day of criminals arrested by police departments throughout the country, and there are 8,500 contributing police agencies. It might be of interest to you to know that recently we received our five-millionth fingerprint record. Each month this Bureau supplies police departments with a "Fugitives Wanted by Police" bulletin, in which are listed the names, descriptions, and criminal records of persons wanted by the police for the commission of major crimes. As an indication of the value of this service it might be stated that each month between 400 and 500 fugitives from justice are located for the police by this Bureau through fingerprint identifications alone. Also, the Federal Bureau of Investigation monthly compiles information concerning the volume and fluctuation of crime throughout the country, on the basis of reports submitted by individual police departments. Our Agents work with the police in cases wherein there is joint jurisdiction, and there is an almost complete cooperation between the Federal and local agencies. Of course, as you know, there are certain parts

Mr. Westbrook Pegler

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of the country where it is not possible to work with the police because they cannot be trusted in local criminal situations.

It might be pointed out that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is merely one branch of the Department of Justice. This Bureau handles investigative work solely. There is another division which handles Federal prosecutions, and that division prosecutes cases investigated not only by the Federal Bureau of Investigation but by investigative agencies in other branches of the Government. The records reflect, with respect to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that, during the last fiscal year, 93.81 per cent of the cases investigated and brought to trial in Federal court resulted in convictions. In other words, only six men out of every 100 who were brought to trial as a result of investigative work performed by this service were acquitted. It might be of interest to you to know that during the fiscal year which ended on June 30, 1935, a total of \$4,680,000 was expended for the entire operation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and, as compared with that figure, the records reflect that property recovered and savings effected on behalf of the Government total more than \$38,000,000.

I trust that you will understand the reason for this somewhat lengthy communication. I should like very much to have you visit Washington and let us show you what we are trying to do here in connection with the crime situation.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing two or three pamphlets concerning certain phases of our work, in which I feel you may be interested.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# New York World-Telegram

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THE OKLAHOMA NEWS  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 23, 1935

## Fair Enough

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—When Congress adjourns and Mr. Roosevelt at last has a few minutes that he can call his own perhaps he will be good enough to call up Mr. Cummings at the Department of Justice and ask him the score to date in the case of the people against the money-changers.

It has been two years and more since the bank holiday was declared, and some of the banks which were closed at that time have not yet reopened. If a bank is so insolvent that it cannot reopen in two years, then the insolvency probably will have to be regarded as permanent. Of course, mere insolvency need not bespeak misdoing, but, on the other hand, it might and in many cases did.



Anyway, many of our citizens would still be interested in a little daily box in the papers—perhaps somewhat on the order of the standing of the ball clubs—giving the number of banks investigated, indictments, prosecutions, acquittals, convictions and length of terms imposed, together with a composite figure representing the batting average of the Department of Justice.

Time is a great healer, and some of the saving people who trusted their money to the banks which closed, apparently forever, have forgotten by now that there ever was such a thing as money. But there are a few elephants among the losers, including one who sends out to a large mailing list every year, in lieu of a Christmas card, a plaintive and vindictive brochure, not at all in the holiday spirit, entitled, "Why isn't my banker in prison?"

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It takes the most delicate timing to determine the precise instant when a bank ceases to be solvent and becomes insolvent or busted. It is like trying to define the instant when a person ceases to be awake and is asleep. Yet a banker assumes an obligation to do just

this and to slap down the window and run up the white flag, refusing to accept another dollar of the people's money at the exact moment when he is no longer in a position to pay off. Many financiers of that day obviously continued to accept the neighbors' savings at a time when they had a reasonable doubt of their ability to keep going. This would have been felonious conduct.

Certainly it was a familiar story in the days when the banks were popping like toy balloons on New Year's Eve that this or that honest toiler went down to the corner and shoved in a few bills against the mortgage or the rainy day, only to discover next morning that the bank blew up an hour later.

That was cutting the time pretty fine.

I may be wrong in assuming that all such cases are federal matters, but the Department of Justice has been so active in the pursuit and extinction of people who rob banks that it seems reasonable to expect the same authority and zeal in the cases of banks which rob people.

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At any rate the Department of Justice, while it has been quite confident, not to say garrulous, about the achievements of its fly-cops, the G-men and Dead-Eye Dicks, in analyzing cigaret ashes and reading footprints for clues to catch the red-neck type of criminal, has been remarkably bashful about its achievement, if any, in the less spectacular field of prosecution. With the local police forces so largely composed of small-town loafers and former high school halfbacks who like to ride motorcycles and toss their locks at lady drivers, the necessity for a federal police force is readily conceded, and the plain clothesmen under Edgar Hoover are to be congratulated on their success against the rural bed men who were setting the laws pretty much at naught a while ago.

But in the romantic excitement over the exploits of the Young King Bradys and Nick Carters of Mr. Hoover's command there has been a loud modesty on the part of the legal department charged with the duty of putting away those white-collar brigands whom Mr. Roosevelt, in one address to Congress, likened to the kidnaper and bandit.

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 U. S. Department of Justice  
 Washington, D. C.

CEH *Henk* ✓

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It was kind of you to write me as you did regarding my story in the New York World-Telegram. I still have a feeling that, as ours is a Government of states, the states ought to assume the responsibility for the capture and successful prosecution of persons who violate the peace of the states.

If, on the other hand, we are a nation, merely loused up with antiquated legal and geographical state lines, your department should be paramount in the work. But the matter ought to be settled.

I believe, also, that the Department of Justice depends too much on spectacular pursuit and small arms work against criminals of the roughneck type, to obscure its weakness in the prosecution of the Insulls and Al Wigginses.

|| May I see you the next time I am in Washington?

Sincerely,

*Westbrook Pegler*

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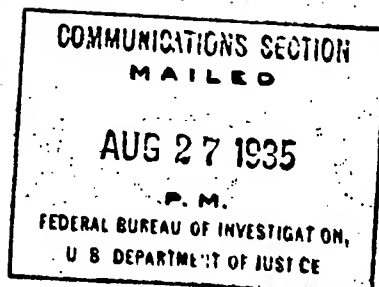
I have your letter of July 24th which was  
received on August 22nd. I shall be very glad  
to see you when you are again in Washington.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ed. L. ...

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*This creature suffers  
from mental halitosis.*  
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Edward Scheidt.

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W. H. D. Lester



# Fair Enough

By  
Westbrook Pegler

## What of the Money Changers?

New York, Aug. 23.

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Peoria, Ill.  
8-27-35.

Hon. Homer Cummings,  
Attorney-General, U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

I am attaching a syndicated article by Westbrook Pegler, clipped from The Peoria, Ill Journal which is very much to the point on a subject, in which many people of these United States are very interested in.

Many bankers are today walking the streets, who should be serving time [redacted] of Chicago, Ill. for instance.

I happen to be one who never suffered any loss from a closed bank; however my Father, [redacted] lost \$2000.00, in a closed bank [redacted]. As you well know there are many others who suffered losses of their savings.

I would appreciate hearing your comments on this article, a copy of which I am also mailing to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, as well as a copy of this letter.

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Very truly yours,

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Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who is temporarily absent from Washington, I am acknowledging the copy forwarded by you of your letter dated August 27, 1935, to the Attorney General, together with the clipping which was attached.

Your letter and the clipping will be called to Mr. Hoover's attention upon his return to the city.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

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August, 1935.

## G-Men Given Slip By Money Changers

By WESTBROOK PEGLER  
Press-Scimitar Special Writer

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September 9, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Ramsey of the Criminal Division phoned and stated that he desired to secure information relative to convictions and sentences in violations of the National Bank and Federal Reserve Acts investigated by this Bureau for the years 1930 to 1934, inclusive.

He stated that he was getting together figures for Mr. Suydam, who intended publishing them in answer to Mr. Westbrook Pelgler's recent criticism of the Attorney General relative to the handling of bank violations.

Mr. Ramsey was referred to the Director's office.

Respectfully,

J. S. Egan.

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**\* JOURNALISM AND ITS RELATION TO THE PUBLIC**

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Take Westbrook Pegler for instance, who runs around the country like a dog with hydrophobia, snapping at everything he sees or meets. He stops at nothing, and would ruin the reputation of a virgin, with his damnable pen in order to keep his name before the public and maintain a meal ticket. It is not in his make-up to do anything of a constructive nature, but on the contrary, to create destruction. It is this characteristic that keeps him on the front page.

Take a deep breath, and analyze [redacted] from the time he was born up unto and including the present day. What has he ever done that is really worthwhile? I had almost forgotten he participated in [redacted] "Bath-tub Champagne Party" that sent [redacted] to the penitentiary. That was one of [redacted] greatest achievements when he escaped the United States' Penitentiary at Atlanta. [redacted] was a contributor to American journalism; [redacted] couldn't write.

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This old drunken buzzard has escaped work all his life through his ability to say things that some people think to be funny; he couldn't make any well-balanced person laugh on a bet. Seriously speaking, what good has [REDACTED] ever been to the country?

The public press, a self-constituted creator of public opinion, can tell you how to run any kind of business from a railroad to the Federal Government, and this they do daily from information gathered by an army of parasites, commonly called, "reporters", or "correspondents". These irresponsibles earn anywhere from fifteen to fifty dollars per week.

Let us localize this situation just a little. Do you know a man connected with any daily newspaper in the City of Memphis whom you would believe on oath, or extend to as much as five dollars credit?

How much longer will a gullible public be swayed by an institution founded on its conception by deceit and ulterior motives?

Confidential: Copy of a memorandum submitted to my Commissioner after reading the attached article from the Memphis Press Scimitar a few days ago.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Record of Telephone Call of Visitor.

May 25 1936.

Time 9:04

Name Westbrook Pegler tele.

Referred to

Details:

Inquired if the Director were in the city and was advised that the Director has been out of the city for several days and that as far as the writer knew he had not returned. Mr. Pegler stated that he was stopping at the Willard Hotel and would be here for about a week; that he would like very much to see the Director during that time if he returned to the city, and asked that the Director call him in the event he should return. cek

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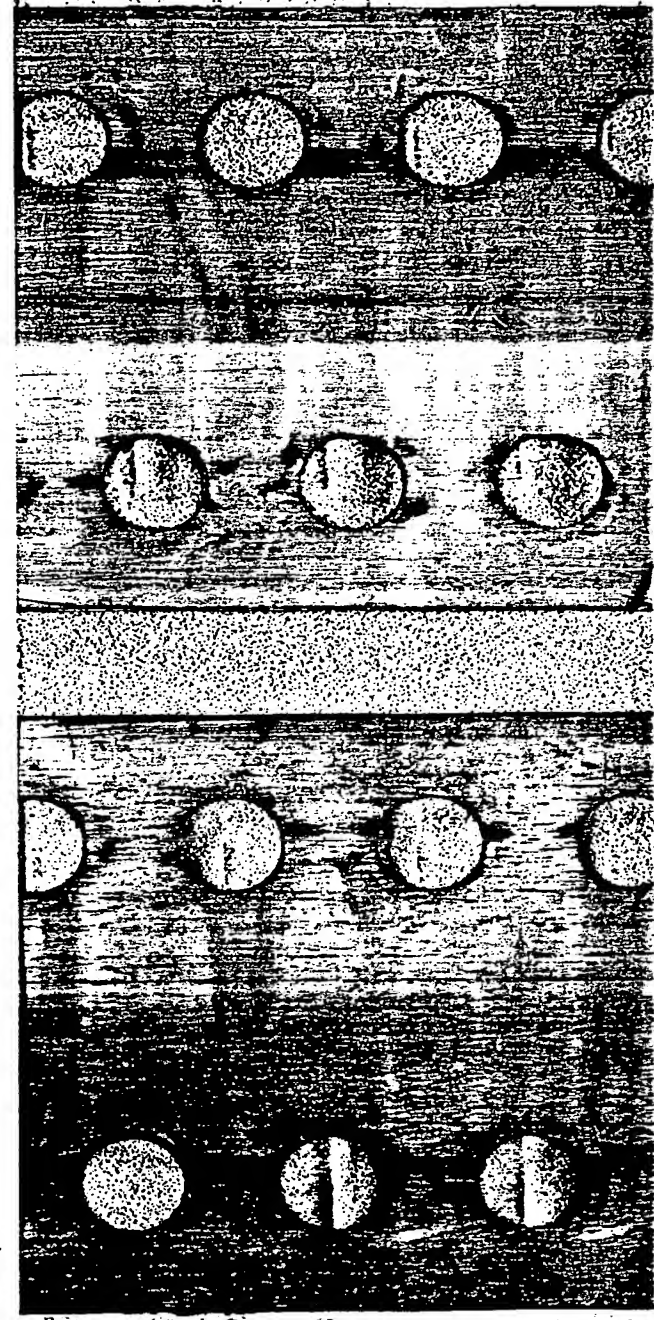
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May 31, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

pl Please place the name of Westbrook Pegler, New Canaan, Connecticut, upon the mailing list to receive releases. His telephone number is New Canaan 423. He can be reached at New Canaan or through the Scripps-Howard Newspapers, 230 Park Avenue, New York City.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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May 27, 1936.

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE - SPECIAL TOUR  
MR. WESTBROOK PEGLER

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At the request of the Director's Office, Mr. Pieper of the Publications Section conducted Mr. Westbrook Pegler on a special tour of the Bureau from 11:20 a. m. to 1:50 p. m., May 26th, Mr. Pieper met Mr. Pegler in the Director's Office and conducted him to the Exhibit Room, the Identification Division, the Single Fingerprint Section, the entire Technical Laboratory, the Firing Range and the Gymnasium.

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In the Exhibit Room, while Agent Pieper commented upon the rate of convictions attained by Bureau Agents, Mr. Pegler stated there was no question but that we were able to convict the men that we tried and that we were doing a good job, but that the Attorney General could not boast of such a record in the cases that were tried in other than Bureau-investigated violations. He named the Insull case as an example and stated that he thought the Government fell down and that such an incident would not have been tolerated in England since the Government makes a point of prosecuting "big shots" as well as ordinary thieves and hold-up men. He gave the example of the head of the Cunard line recently being convicted for issuing a false prospectus.

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At the Civil Fingerprint File, upon being advised that the criminal cards were never searched through the Civil File, Mr. Pegler incredulously stated that we certainly didn't pass up such an opportunity and it seemed foolish to which Agent Pieper replied that the American public was erroneously associating criminality with fingerprints and to extend the advantages and to interest them in civil fingerprinting our assurance had been given that criminal fingerprints would not be searched into the Civil File so that apprehensive persons who might still have the prejudicial criminal angle in their minds would partake of the advantages of civil fingerprinting. The civil fingerprinting projects of foreign countries and the progress that we have made was discussed. After this explanation, Mr. Pegler was in accord

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with the idea that our approach was a very tactful and effective one and that as explained to him this method would certainly make the public interested in civil fingerprinting and prepare the public for a favorable response to a possible universal fingerprinting program in the future.

In the Laboratory, Mr. Pegler seemed very interested in the exhibits, demonstrations, and work going on there. Dr. Donaldson very effectively explained some hair experiments on which he was working, which held Mr. Pegler's interest. It was Mr. Pegler's comment concerning the use of the Technical Laboratory and fingerprint facilities by law enforcement agencies, that we were doing a very fine job but that he doubted whether the local police were intelligent enough to take advantage of them. He stated, with reference to fingerprinting, that he doubted the mental ability of most police officers to even take fingerprints, adding that the type of work performed by Agents certainly was way above the heads of the local police. He obviously, from his conversation, thinks very little of our average law enforcement officer of the United States and quite apparently has no patience with their political affiliations and low type personnel.

At this part of the conversation, Mr. Pieper had an opportunity to explain the work that the Bureau was doing in disseminating scientific crime information training law enforcement officials throughout the country and, in general, attempting to give local law enforcement officers an opportunity to have available the means used by the Bureau in detecting crime and apprehending criminals.

Mr. Pegler commented that he had noted that we have an entirely different type of crime here than abroad and that the European crimes are more atrocious and barbarous than ours. He also stated that the foreign police have a much easier job in prosecuting their criminals as they were the low type mentally and in no way approached the operations of American criminals, citing this example: That in England a man committing a crime nearly always upon apprehension and having certain facts placed before him will break down and wish to make a statement confessing to the crime. Whereas, in the United States to even anticipate such temerity is beyond conception. He said too that there was very much more crime

Memorandum for Mr. Tolson. -2- May 27, 1936.

in the foreign countries than we read about.

In the Pistol Range, Mr. Pegler was given an opportunity to fire a machine gun which pleased him very much. Mr. Gurnea very aptly emphasized the point that we were not gunmen but that we did know how to shoot and were building up a tradition which was bearing fruit as exemplified by our recent captures of so-called public enemies without any shots being fired. During the entire tour Mr. Pegler seemed very interested. He is an individual who has definite ideas and does not hesitate to state them, as is evident from his remarks concerning the Attorney General. There is no question in Mr. Pieper's mind that he was very much impressed with the activities of the Bureau and was pleased with the courtesies extended him. He is exceptionally well informed and during the tour it was often very necessary to go into discussions of our problems as compared with the problems of foreign countries and how we were meeting our emergencies and with what efficacy.

At the conclusion of the tour, Mr. Pegler thanked Mr. Pieper for conducting him through and stated that this trip was more of a sightseeing tour for him than to obtain particular information, at which time he was cordially invited to return to the Bureau and make a more detailed study of certain phases of our work in which he might be particularly interested. It is noted that Mr. Pegler was possibly interested in writing some special articles, therefore Mr. Pieper invited him to return at his convenience when it would be possible for him to go into particular details on special matters which would enable him to write comprehensively concerning any particular phase of the work of the Bureau in which he might be further interested.

Respectfully,

  
R. E. Joseph.



Office of Director  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Mr. Tolson:

This is to confirm the request  
that the name of Westbrook Pegler be re-  
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June 3, 1936.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: Article on Bureau by  
Westbrook Pegler.

During a telephonic conversation with Mr.  
Saydam, he stated that Mr. Herbert Corey had  
written an answer to the article by Mr. Pegler.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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June 11, 1936.

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Metropolitan Police Department,  
217 Ninth Street, S. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the  
clipping of the article by Westbrook Pegler,  
which appeared in the June 2nd issue of the  
Washington Post, together with the clipping of  
Mr. Herbert Hoover's reply thereto which appeared  
in the June 4, 1936 issue of the Washington Post,  
which you so thoughtfully forwarded with your card.

I enjoyed your comments concerning these  
two articles and have found them both very interesting.

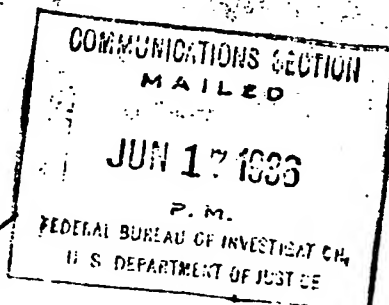
With best wishes and kind personal regards,

I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,

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Director, I think Corey's  
letter is great - we  
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learn from experience of the  
fierceness of our public.  
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# Fail Enough

By  
Westbrook Pegler.

## No Alcatraz.

I have been lobbying around Washington for the better part of a week trying to jimmy my way into Alcatraz Prison, but I am leaving without waiting to see how the dice fall, because I am sure I felt an aceduce when I flung them against the board. It was my argument that they ought to ballyhoo the punishment as well as the crimes and the capture of famous tough guys, and I pointed out that the Army and the Navy both make use of the papers, the radio and the movies to exploit the attractions of the armed services. But they had heard that one before, and Henry Suydam, the press agent of the Department of Justice, gave me a peculiar look and said, "I don't suppose you were thinking of cutting yourself a slice of cake, were you?"

I think Bates is afraid that if the public ever learns how hard he makes it for Al Capone, Bailey, Kelly, Karpis and the rest of the boys on the island off San Francisco there will be a howl from the let-'em-eat-cake division of the prison reform element about unnecessary brutality, tending to crush the finer instincts of the inmates and sending them out into the world embittered against society.

There may be something to that, but I still think it would be a helpful thing to let the bad kids of the country know all about the monotony and rigid discipline, the lonesomeness and the smells which constitute the life of the captured hoodlums, year after deadly year. And, as Henry suggests, it would be a good piece for the papers.

Before I left the department I called at Edgar Hoover's office and was shown through his big plant—a tour obviously formulated to impress people with the all-seeing quality of the Eye that Never Sleeps, which put me in mind of a visit to a model dairy or a Ford plant.

They have a museum of captured guns of many kinds, and the clear-eyed, clean-limbed, lean-jawed young King Brady who took me around amused me with some tricks of fingerprint transference and identification. They dust the fingerprint with some sort of powder, then press down with a strip of adhesive, like courtplaster, which transfers the print to the sticky surface. Then they press that upon sensitized paper, which they smear with some goo, and this gives them an indelible print to go by.

The Washington Post

June 2, 1936

It is a good show that they put on though slightly World's Fair. I came away impressed by their record in catching kidnapers or blowing them through, but wondering how long it will be before Hoover succumbs to the temptation to quit his \$10,000 a year Government job to go out to get his.

He is all showman and apparently quite vain, for he is always appearing in public places to take his bows, and he can't pass a pine table and a water pitcher without jamming one hand into the breast of his coat, clearing his throat and beginning, "Ladies and gentlemen, we are gathered here today to consider the growing menace of crime, which is a festering vulture on the sacred wellsprings of our great democracy."

I am calling the other young man young King Brady because I didn't catch his name and because I gather that Mr. Hoover doesn't like his men to receive any publicity. He thinks it is bad for them but good for him, and only recently he left a fight in the Washington ball park on a sudden call to fly down to New Orleans for the Karpis arrest, thus mothering the field agents on the job who probably didn't need any master mind to assist them in the dramatic completion of a task which they had carried up to the climax on their own.

They made a mystery of the retirement from the service of Melvin Purvis, of the Chicago bureau, the man who surrounded Dillinger and shelled him to death that night, but the presumption here is that he broke into print too often and too large.

Well, Hoover is now in a position to clear out and collect a fortune whenever he wants to. Most big-game detectives, when they quit the Government service of the New York Police Department, start private agencies and some of them write their memoirs for a few dollars. But Hoover, with his ballyhoo value, can get rich in the movies as technical adviser and nominal author in G-man productions and possibly as an actor, although he isn't very pretty. Moreover, should he leave them laughing when he says goodby he should be able to write his own ticket for the syndicate magazine and book rights to his story.

So that is the story of how I didn't go to Alcatraz. It was only a long shot, anyway.

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The Washington Post  
June 4, 1936

## J. Edgar Hoover As A Showman.

To the Editor of The Post—Sir: This is neither a criticism nor the cry of a wounded soul. I have written too many daily columns myself to wish to wreathe raspberries around such a competent neck as that of Mr. Westbrook Pegler. Furthermore, he is a personal friend, and I am one of his devout admirers. I rooted for him in 1917 when the admirals of the English navy decided that if they were to keep their minds on their business they would have to jettison Pegler, or whatever is the nautical term for the bum's rush. Mr. Pegler was at the moment in the article of providing proof that he was right when he said that the average British admiral would be quite as efficient if served with a brown sauce and mushrooms and—bowing toward that excellent literature but misguided gastronomist, Mr. Reginald Wright Kauffman, the Post-Impressionist—garlic.

I continued to be with him in spirit when, as a correspondent with the American armies, he noted that the walls of the heads of several Allied generals had grown together from the inside, the main difference between the Allied heads and the American heads, in his opinion, being that the Allied head had its hair cropped shorter. I happened to be one of a number of other correspondents with the armies who had reached the same conclusion, but as we did not wish to have the sweetest assignment a reporter ever had taken away from us, we only uttered this subversive thought when overtaken by the country wine.

And I've been with him 99 times out of each possible 100 since then. He has poured acid on our favorite national swindle—boxfighting—and jeered at the hairy mammoths who grunt through wrestling matches, and lighted matches under a number of our very best politicians and watched them shrivel. And if he ever gets around to being bilious about the New Deal, I will have a swell morning.

I merely wish to present the other side to his argument in this morning's Post, in re J. Edgar Hoover.

Perhaps, Hoover is a showman. If he is, he is the best showman we have ever had in the police business. When he got going, two years ago, thanks to new laws which Attorney General Cummings cajoled through Congress, he knocked sev-

eral kinds of variegated hell out of the business of crime in this country. It may be showmanship to knock off John Dillinger in a theater alley, but Dillinger had not been disposed to frequent any target ranges where the G-men could get at him. It may have been showmanship to drop a bucket over the head of every one of the kidnapers who were stepping high and wide not many years ago. It may have been showmanship to bust the 10 or 15 gangs of topnotch bank robbers until their innards are hanging from every sagebrush in the West. It may have been showmanship to walk up on Alvin Karpis, the one remaining big shot in bankrobbery, and tell him to get 'em up or go home to heaven in a dense fog.

Mr. Pegler objects to Mr. Hoover's insistence that the agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation continue to be anonymous in the public prints. Yet Mr. Pegler, in his days as a reporter, must have been irritated by the detectives who are so condemned anxious to break into pure reading matter that they conducted their dealings with criminals to that end. Broadly speaking, the more one reads of the charming personalities of the detectives the less frequently does one see pictures of the criminals in handcuffs.

I am not offering a defense of Mr. Hoover, for a man who has done what he has in the last few years does not need one. I only wish to suggest that the public think over his record, and judge him on that record, and not because of any pique Mr. Pegler may feel because he seems to have been the latest of a long line of newspapermen who would like to break into Alcatraz and write a good story about Al Capone and the rest of the "boys," and failed.

I will be willing to quote against Mr. Pegler the things said about Mr. Hoover by Pretty Boy Floyd and Shotgun Ziegler and Ma Barker and Alvin Karpis and Frank Harmon and Machine Gun Kelly and Handsome Jack McGurk and Killer Burke and 50 or 60 other hoodlums who are either proving that stone walls do a prison make or are slowly resolving into whatever original element goes to the make-up of a gun-man. They said far worse things than Peg did—and here's luck to him when he shoots at a target that should be shot at.

HERBERT COREY.

Washington, June 2.

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June 17, 1936.

Miss Katharyn Monck,  
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Miss Monck:

I have just read with the greatest of interest and appreciation your letter to the Editor of the Washington Post, under date of June 9, 1936, which appeared in that paper on June 11, 1936, in reference to the recent article written by Mr. Westbrook Pegler.

I want you to know how deeply grateful I am for your commendatory statements concerning the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is very encouraging to receive such a fine expression of confidence and approval.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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## —The G-Men—Pro And Con—

To the Editor of The Post—Sir:  
The perspicacious observations of Pegler on J. Edgar Hoover are refreshing. That they were permitted to be published by The Post is comforting to those who thought it impossible.

Let Mr. Corey look back over the headlines of the past two years. He will be able to chart the movements of Justice men during the whole period. The pursued bandit could follow one chain newspaper and predict the presence of G-men at a precise point at a precise moment. For this information the ballyhoo for Hoover became nauseating. It has pervaded the entire press.

The United States Scotland Yard is the department's objective. Let Mr. Corey find the face of the chief of that Yard spread on the front pages of papers throughout the United Kingdom, accompanied by fulsome editorial boosts. Let him produce an account in English papers of detailed prospective movements of Yard operatives while in search of a thing.

After this search Mr. Corey may not object to a slight breeze passing through many of these stifling spots where a bit of fresh air might revive the jobholders. A. F. T.  
Washington, June 9.

To the Editor of The Post—Sir:  
As a visitor here I have been taken through the Bureau of Investigation and, while looking at the list of the men who have given their lives so that we may put our babies to bed with hope of their staying there, without our having to do sentry with shotguns, Mr. Pegler's article flashed into my mind with its "smart alec" criticism of men who are doing something to give the country at large a "new birth of righteousness."

Has he ever seen that memorial. I wonder? If he ever does, I hope as he stands there some voice will whisper in his ear this quotation from another member of the fourth estate:

Beside that corpse, which bears for winding sheet  
The Stars and Stripes he strove to rear anew;  
Beside those mourners at his head and feet,  
"Say, scurrile jester, is there room for you?"

Some people are big enough to realize and admit making a fool of themselves. How about your Mr. Pegler?

KATHARYN MONCK  
Buffalo, N. Y., June 9.

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Mr. Sparks Stringer,  
1915 Vestal Avenue,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Stringer:

I have read your letter recently published in the Los Angeles Evening News, concerning the Westbrook Parker articles, and I wanted you to know how grateful I am for your generous approbation. It cannot help but make those who are endeavoring to perform a public service to the best of their ability feel that it is worth all of the effort, after all.

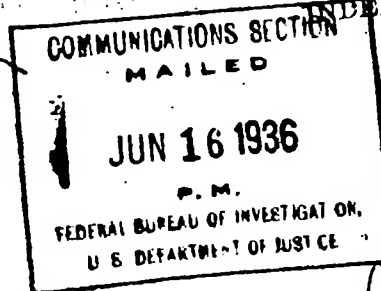
With expressions of my best regards,  
I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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### Letters

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#### Pegler called petty

SIRS: It appears to at least  
this reader of your paper that  
Westbrook Pegler is stepping  
outside the boundary of decent  
journalism in his petty person-  
al attacks on men who could  
hardly dignify him with an an-  
swer.

I refer particularly to his re-  
cent diatribes against President  
Roosevelt, Edgar Hoover and  
Sanford Bates.

The President needs no de-  
fence. The other two gentle-  
men, however, are not so well  
known. Allow me to say this,  
based on a fair knowledge of  
their careers: Both are inter-  
nationally known specialists in  
important fields of public ser-  
vice. Both have reached their  
position by virtue of outstand-  
ing ability, plus many years of  
devoted public service. Both  
have made real contributions to  
the science of social manage-  
ment and both will be at our  
service for many years to come.

I offer you in contrast West-  
brook Pegler, penny-a-liner, un-  
heard of yesterday and forgot-  
ten tomorrow, a man whose in-  
tellectual requirement is better  
fitted to handle the details of a  
ping pong tournament than to  
criticise the qualifications or  
actions of able and worthy men.  
SPARKS STRINGER.

#### Russia or England?

SIRS: The letter from Austra-  
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*[Signature]*

Monday Morning, June 8.

Dear T.D.:

I'm sending you apart from the mass of clippings this disgruntled, rattlesnake screed attacking J.E.H. and the F.B.I. Apparently the author couldn't get what he wished to make him a bigger personality with the syndicate. He gives me such a bellyache that I'm not resisting the impulse to flounce down to the typewriter and say a few words.

If this fellow had the right stuff in him he would not reveal how badly he is put out through failure to get permission to visit Alcatraz. He wants to visit and report what he sees with an untruthful, venomous pen. What he has to say in the present screed gives an idea of what he would say of the prison. He is insultingly flippant in style and breathes an ego of thinking the whole world is listening to what he says. As if the world cared a damn about his lobbying unsuccessfully for a week for an Alcatraz pass.

I was twenty years in the newspaper game actively as reporter, political writer and editor, and was often balked in my plans and purposes. But I NEVER attacked people in print because I was personally sore.

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The following points in his screed are outstandingly false and prejudiced. Does his yawn strike you likewise?

1 - The tour through the Building is highly educational and tends to impress visitors so they feel warranted in reposing confidence in the efficiency of the F.B.I. If the writer of the screed had brains enough to direct such a Bureau would he abolish exhibits and tours? No - decidedly he would not. But his present temper and conceit indicate anything he would spread on a thick layer of lying Barnum ballyhoo.

2 - A plain slur is intended by comparing the Bureau with a dairy or a Ford plant. There is no reason at all for this.

3 - It is another slur to say he was amused with TRICKS of fingerprint detail. He ignorantly supposes this sarcasm.

4 - It's another slur and an untruth when he says his silly performances with a target were called "good shooting."

5 - One more slur is in calling the tour-exhibits a good show of the World's Fair type. He can't understand how such an exhibit is arranged seriously and comprehendingly - NOT as a show alone.

6 - The writer of these slurs can't imagine a man liking his work apart from pay. He chooses to consider every man (like himself?) as one who would quit for profit at the drop of the hat.

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His words have a purposely sinister slant in the hope that readers will think that J.E.H. would "go out and get" graft.

7 - To say that J.E.H. is all showman is another rank, slurring untruth that no fact will bear out even a little bit as I see it. Would anybody with wisdom or sense say that J.E.H. and his subordinates should not make addresses on topics calculated to acquaint the public with the problems of the F.B.I., or the personal views of the Director as an executive in treating them. Other Cabinet Officers beside the Attorney General are making such addresses, and their subordinates as well.

8 - "Apparently quite vain" is another charge and no proof to advance to back it up. The entire paragraph is the loosening of a sore and disappointed and prejudiced imagination.

9 - So far as publicity goes the very nature of the F.B.I.'s tasks sets the stage for publicity. The newspapers flock to J.E.H. He doesn't have to be "vain" and plan publicity. I go over 1200 clippings a week and I can see that it is not necessary to plan to get in the newspapers. I wonder how the writer of the screed with his monumental ego would perform if he held a similar position - if he even held it for three months instead of the years J.E.H. has.

10 - This slurring writer says J.E.H. didn't need to join his men in a descent on a desperado. Senator McKellar - another sour and misinformed critic kicked because J.E.H. hadn't personally arrested criminals. An editor the other day took this point up and said a kick might be made against General Pershing not having done trench duty or gone over the top with a bayonet.

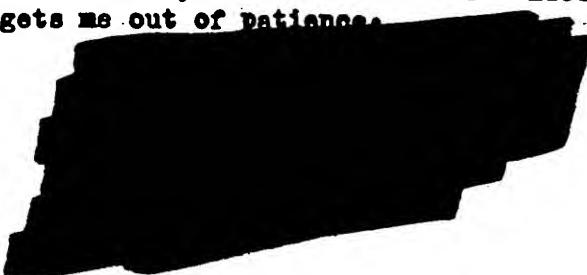
11 - The slurring writer says that subordinates had carried on recent capture tasks without J.E.H.'s "master mind" and didn't need him at the climax. Again his ignorance is demonstrated. He states in a take-it-for-granted way that the Director of the F.B.I. had no hand or mental part in the plans preliminary to Karpis's capture.

12 - He had to write the crack about J.E.H. not being "pretty." He runs his own sour, bigoted, irascible physiognomy in his column. Does his face look pretty to himself?

13 - He plainly shows he is at white heat of disappointment and poisonous-frantic over not getting permission to go to Alcatraz. He isn't as big a shot as he thought he was. He never was a big shot in the writing field or he wouldn't be so transparently angry over his turn-down.

I have a whim to tear this up, T.D., and another whim to send it along to you. I see so many instances of lies - lies - lies - in the clippings it gets me out of patience.

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## Fair Enough

By  
WESTBROOK PEGLER

Columnist Does Some "Good Shooting" on  
Tour of Edgar Hoover's Plant, but  
He's Not Going to Alcatraz

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WASHINGTON, June 1.—I have been lobbying around Washington for the better part of a week trying to jimmy my way into Alcatraz Prison, but I am leaving without waiting to see how the dice fall, because I am sure I delt an ace-deuce when I flung them against the board. It was my argument that they ought to ballyhoo the punishment as well as the crimes and the capture of famous tough guys, and I pointed out that the Army and the Navy both make use of the papers, the radio and the movies to exploit the attractions of the armed services. But they had heard that one before, and Henry Suydam, the press agent of the Department of Justice, gave me a peculiar look and said, "I don't suppose you were thinking of cutting yourself a slice of cake, were you?"

Then he pointed to a stack of letters as tall as a fireman's boot over in the corner of the room and said my application would be placed on the file.

I am a rotten salesman, anyway. The first time I applied for a job I said to the druggist, "You don't happen to want an errand boy, do you?" and he said, "No."

Henry said he would talk it over with Homer Cummings and Sanford Bates, the head man of the prison department, and let me know in the morning, but I have heard that one before myself.

I think Bates is afraid that if the public ever learns how hard he makes it for Al Capone, Bailey, Kelly, Karpis and the rest of the boys on the island off San Francisco there will be a howl from the let-'em-eat-cake division of the prison reform element about unnecessary brutality, tending to crush the finer instincts of the inmates and sending them out into the world embittered against society.

### The Monotony and Rigid Discipline.

THERE may be something to that, but I still think it would be a helpful thing to let the bad kids of the country know all about the monotony and rigid discipline, the lonesomeness and the smells which constitute the life of the captured hoodlums, year after deadly year. And, as Henry suggests, it would be a good piece for the papers.

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Before I left the department I called at Edgar Hoover's office and was shown through his big plant—a tour obviously formulated to impress people with the all-seeing quality of the Eye that Never Sleeps, which put me in mind of a visit to a model dairy or a Ford plant.

They have a museum of captured guns of many kinds, and the clear-eyed, clean-limbed, lean-jawed Young King Brady who took me around amused me with some tricks of fingerprint transference and identification. They dust the fingerprint with some sort of powder, then press down with a strip of adhesive, like court-plaster, which transfers the print to the sticky surface. Then they press that upon sensitized paper, which they smear with some goo, and this gives them an indelible print to go by.

Young King Brady also showed me the gym where the clear-eyed, clean-limbed G-men do their forty-five minutes a day and finally took me to the shooting gallery, where a tall young expert riddled a target with a Thompson gun, then hung up a new target and handed the gun to me. But this time he hung the target almost on the end of the gun, and when I filled it with holes he said, "Good shooting!" although the only way to miss it would have been to shoot the other way. That is psychology.

#### *Always Ready to Take a Bow.*

IT is a good show that they put on, though slightly World's Fair, and I came away impressed by their record in catching kidnapers or blowing them through, but wondering how long it will be before Hoover succumbs to the temptation to quit his \$10,000 a year government job to go out to get his.

He is all showman and apparently quite vain, for he is always appearing in public places to take his bows, and he can't pass a pine table and a water pitcher without jamming one hand into the breast of his coat, clearing his throat and beginning, "Ladies and gentlemen, we are gathered here today to consider the growing menace of crime, which is a festering vulture on the sacred wellsprings of our great democracy."

I am calling the other young man Young King Brady because I didn't catch his name and because I gather that Mr. Hoover doesn't like his men to receive any publicity. He thinks it is bad for them but good for him, and only recently he left a fight in the Washington ball park on a sudden call to fly down to New Orleans for the Karpis arrest, thus smothering the field agents on the job who probably didn't need any master mind to assist them in the dramatic completion of a task which they had carried up to the climax on their own.

#### *Mystery of Purvis Retirement.*

THEY made a mystery of the retirement from the service of Melvin Purvis, of the Chicago Bureau, the man who surrounded Dillinger and shelled him to death that night, but the presumption here is that he broke into print too often and too large.

Well, Hoover is now in a position to clear out and collect a fortune whenever he wants to. Most big-name detectives, when they quit the government service or the New York Police Department, start private agencies and some of them write their memoirs for a few dollars. But Hoover, with his ballyhoo value, can't get rich in the movies as technical adviser and nominal author in G-man productions and possibly as an actor, although he isn't very pretty. Moreover, should he leave them laughing when he says goodbye he should be able to write his own ticket for the syndicate, magazine and book rights to his story.

So that is the story of how I didn't go to Alcatraz. It was only a long shot, anyway.

HJLP:NT

June 10, 1936.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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At the request of Mr. Quinn, a Special Tour was afforded Archbishop W. H. Francis, a personal friend of Attorney General and Mrs. Cummings, and his guest, Reverend Victor James Horton, both of Bedford Village, New York. The tour was conducted by Mr. Pieper of the Publications Section from 2:40 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 9, 1936.

The visitors were conducted through the Exhibit Room, Identification Division, Single Fingerprint Section, the entire Laboratory, the Gymnasium, and the Firing Range.

The visitors were very attentive during the entire tour, showed unusual interest in our activities and expressed themselves on numerous occasions on the thoroughness and precision in the manner in which we worked.

The Archbishop stated that he was particularly impressed with the high caliber type of Agent, adding that one could not help being impressed by the type of men that were Agents in the Bureau.

While commending the activities of the Bureau the Archbishop commented that we had come in for some unwarranted criticism by a columnist recently, stating that although he did not read Westbrook Pegler regularly, he had a dull evening and decided he would read the column whereupon he discovered the attack upon the Bureau.

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During the tour, casual reference was made to the progress that had been made in law enforcement, and Agent Pieper took occasion to acknowledge the Bureau's respect for the Attorney General and his leadership in the work that had been done.

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It was apparent from the conversation that the Archbishop was a very good friend of the Attorney General and Mrs. Cummings as he spoke of visits they made to him.

At the conclusion of the tour, the visitors both expressed their appreciation for the courtesies extended them and were cordially invited to return for a further visit with any of their friends if they so desired.

Respectfully,

R. E. Joseph.

CC - MR. QUINN

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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December 2, 1936

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked with Mr. Whitley at New York relative to Pegler's article in the Chicago News to the effect that New York City taxi men and hotel and apartment house workers were fingerprinted and their prints forwarded to the Bureau for search, particularly with regard to the inquiry made of us in this connection by the Editor of the Chicago Police Journal.

Mr. Whitley contacted Inspector Joseph Donovan, in charge of the New York City Police Department. Inspector Donovan stated, with regard to persons applying for pistol permits, that they check fingerprints against their local records and send the originals to Albany, which originals, after search at Albany, are returned to them. If there is no record of any serious offense the pistol permit is issued. These prints are not sent to the Bureau at Washington.

With regard to hackmen and taxi drivers, Inspector Donovan says that these prints are checked locally. They do not even send them to Albany.

With regard to hotel and apartment house workers, Donovan says that it is a misdemeanor, under the New York State Laws, to furnish any information of a criminal record to private individuals; that some of these prints are taken by hotel and apartment house proprietors or managers and are sent to the New York City Police Department, to be entered in their civil records. Donovan said that once in a while, where a check indicates that a certain individual whose prints have been received for this purpose has been guilty of a serious offense, they might "tip off" the hotel or apartment house proprietor to the effect that he had better check on the individual. They would not, however, tell this man any of the details of the criminal record of the person he was engaging or had engaged.

In any event, they send none of these prints to the Bureau at Washington. The attached telegram is forwarded for transmission to DeLacy, the Editor of the Chicago Police Journal.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
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**Washington, D. C.**

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July 9, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOSEPH

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You will recall that Westbrook Pegler after visiting the Bureau over a year ago wrote several caustic articles referring to the Bureau Agents as "Young King Bradys." You will also recall that there was some speculation as to the origin of "Young King Brady."

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As a matter of information, I am attaching hereto a news item which appeared in the June 28, 1937, issue of the Washington Evening Star regarding dime novels of the past. You will note that one of the characters in some of the dime novel stories was "Old King Brady," who apparently was a super-sleuth in his day. No doubt Westbrook Pegler had at one time or another read dime novels and possibly the "Young King Bradys" to whom he refers are a hangover from his younger days when he was reading dime novels.

Respectfully,

*L. B. Nichols*

L. B. Nichols.

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# ROOSEVELT RIDES DIME NOVEL HOBBY

Joins Throng of Notables  
Collecting Old Paper-  
Bound Books.

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, June 28.—President Roosevelt for long has been known as an assiduous collector of books relating to ships, but that is not his only collecting interest, it has become known; he also acquires dime novels.

He bought some new items comparatively recently, according to word in the dime-novel trade, thus joining a throng of notables, described as "shrinking violets," who are adding the thrillers of a past generation to their libraries, without saying much about it.

The little paper-bound books, however, are no longer simply thrillers; they have climbed the social scale in recent years to a genteel place marked "Americana."

Truant boys, who once shivered to the exploits of "Buffalo Bill" in the safety of woodsheds and barn lofts could now find their hero only in the rare book rooms of a few libraries. And "Deadwood Dick," the one-time pal of the street urchin, has become the steadfast friend of the college professor.

## Some Items Valuable.

A few Injuns still bite the dust between crumbling covers in forgotten trunks and hidden attic corners. They turn up here and there every now and then. If you locate some, grab them and yell for a book collector. You may be holding \$1,000 worth of very scarce literature.

At least one dime novel fancier is willing to pay that price for a single copy of "Malaeska, the Indian Wife," the first dime novel ever published. He made the offer recently to another collector, Charles Bragin, of Brooklyn, who says there are but three copies of "Malaeska" known to exist, including one in the Library of Congress and one in the New York Public Library. The top price on record for an actual purchase is \$475, almost 5,000 times the original cost of the book. The purchase was made last year, but collectors will not disclose the name of the item. Average prices range from \$1 to \$10.

The reluctance to name names is only one example of the secretiveness which envelops dime-novel collecting. The collectors themselves do not want to be publicly known in most cases. Charles Jonas of Evanston, Ill., real estate man who is probably the veteran of the game, has the reputation of being "known by every one (of the collectors), yet never seen by anyone." Prof. Albert Johannsen of University of Chicago, owner of one of the largest collections in existence, shuns public notice and calls most of the other 1,000 collectors in the country "shrinking violets."

## Collectors Go in for Dime Novels

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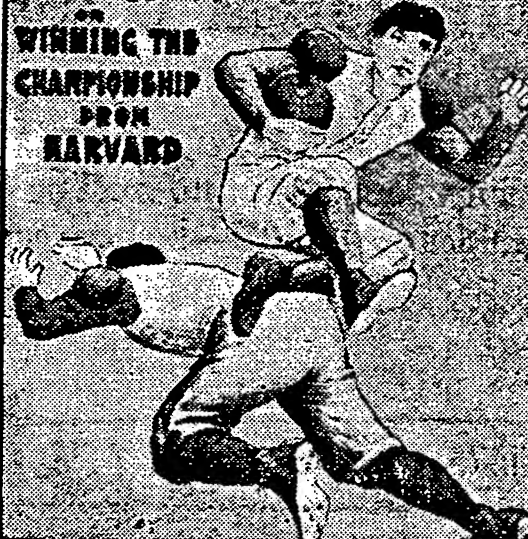
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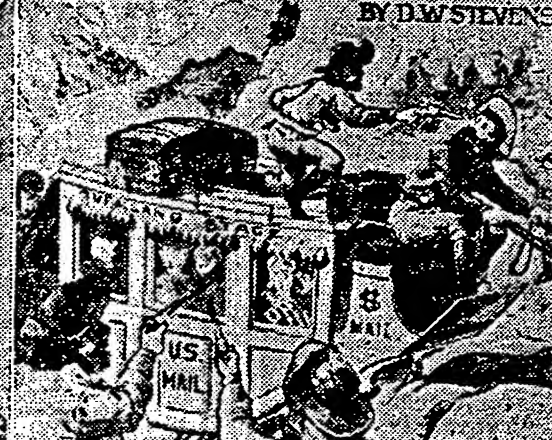


### THE JAMES BOYS WEEKLY

Containing Stories of Adventure

### THE JAMES BOYS THE BANDIT KINGS LAST SHOT

BY D.W. STEVENS



Dime novels, once simply thrillers for truant boys to read while hidden away in barn lofts and woodsheds, now have become collectors' items selling for as much as \$475 each. Shown are cover pages from two famous series of stories—the exploits of "Frank Merriwell" and those of "The James Boys." Even President Roosevelt is one of today's throng of dime novel collectors. —A. P. Photo

## Other Collectors

Other collectors include Maj. LeRoy Iphigene of New York, president of the National Broadcasting Co.; George Mess of Minneapolis, controller of the Northern Pacific Railway; Bertrand Couch of San Francisco, one of the first "G-men"; Valta Parmit of Washington, D. C., rare book curator of the Library of Congress; Joan T. McIntyre, the writer of Philadelphia; George Ball, the industrialist, of Muncie, Ind.; Fulton Oursler, magazine editor, and William Burns of Rockford, Me.

Ask collectors which novels are rarest, and each probably will give a different answer. One may name the Beadle publications, which were first in the field; another, the Frank Reade library. Others may pick "Old Cap Collier," "Nick Carter," "Fred Fearnot," "Old Sleuth" or "The James Boys." It depends largely on what series of novels the collector read as a boy, for sentiment and childhood memory are almost invariably the motives for collecting. And once a collector gets hold of his favorites, he rarely lets go.

This was so universally true when Bragin started his collection during the depression that when he advertised that he had a sum to invest in dime novels, only one collector, Jonas of Evanston, offered to give him a start. Bragin, thereupon, did what many other collectors did before him. He got mad, and determined to "show them." He organized his own staff throughout the country, and piled up some 35,000 items into what he believes is the largest collection in the country.

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from Joseph  
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Many collectors prefer to work alone, rummaging around at auction sales, in trunks, and chests and book-cases; snooping in attics and the lofts of farm buildings.

The scope of the collecting business is enormous. At least 50,000 paper-bound books are known to have been published between 1860 and 1910.

Began in 1850s.

The reason for the sudden surge of reader interest at the time of the dime novel's advent has never been explained. A young printer, Erastus Beadle of New York, decided one day in the late 1850s that if dime song books, which were then so popular, could sell, the public would surely buy story books at the same price. He was right.

The first novels he published were pocket size, in bright orange covers. Written in the general style of James Fenimore Cooper, they were published weekly, each about 100 pages long.

Millions of them were sold to soldiers in the Civil War. They went from hand to hand in the trenches until they were worn out.

These books were tame compared to the flood of works which followed. Other publishers came to compete with the Beadles, among them George Munro, Beadle's printing house foreman. Munro pepped up the novels and Beadle was forced to follow suit.

The covers of the books assumed more striking colors. The size of the pamphlets increased to 8 by 12 inches to permit better illustrations. Munro's big idea was to make the cover picture sell the book.

Then came Frank Tousey, nephew of Sinclair Tousey, founder of the American News Co. Believing he could sell more books to boys than to adults

woodaheds and haylofts, shivering at exploits of their heroes.

Here was drama, brimming over. Men of the dime novels did not look

at each other; they gazed narrowly, their eyes little more than slits. Villains always wore black mustaches, gritted their teeth and invariably muttered their plots to themselves just loud enough to be overheard by the shrewd detective.

It was heady stuff, to be read in secret, for to parents the novels were "impossible trash" that warranted a thrashing. Pastors railed against the books in their pulpits. In some places the novels were publicly burned.

Today literary students concede the hair-raising tales a definite place in American writing. They point out loose morals of many modern books were never the attributes of dime novel heroes.

Although admittedly not concise in fact, the novels now are accepted as sometimes more real and vivid picturizations of American pioneer life than are the works of more formal historians.

Of the 2,000,000,000 books that went off the presses in that hectic period, only one series, "The James Boys Weekly" of 1900 was barred from the mails.

Hobby Credited to D. O'Brien.

Collections of dime novels began to accumulate just as the dime novel publishing era was closing, about 40 years ago. Credit for popularizing the hobby is generally accorded to Dr. Frank O'Brien, New York dentist. He was first to praise the novels' literary value. He started collecting 30 years ago. He toured 28 States in search of a copy of "Alaska." In 1920 he disposed of most

of his treasures, selling about 200 items for \$3,100 and donating 1,400 others to the New York Public Library.

Since then dime novel values have risen steadily. Collectors have paid

as much as \$2,000 for a series which originally cost less than \$100.

America now has turned to other books, but copies of the later dime novels still are shipped to foreign lands.



722 Midland Savings Building  
Denver, Colorado  
Aug. 31, 1937

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Re: Derogatory Reference to Bureau by  
Westbrook Pegler, and Complimentary  
Reference to You in "Liberty".

You have probably already had called to your attention the  
enclosed derogatory reference to the Bureau by Westbrook Pegler.

It appeared in the Rocky Mountain News, Denver, Colorado,  
under date of August 31, 1937, and apparently is a purely gratuitous  
criticism of the Bureau, with probably no foundation in fact.

This criticism is right in line with Pegler's attitude in the  
past.

In the September 4, 1937, issue of "Liberty", Crime Commentator  
Anthony Abbott pays you one of the finest tributes I have ever read.  
This article has also probably been called to your attention, but  
I wanted to be certain that you saw both of them. Anthony Abbott,  
in his column, quotes verbatim from one of your recent addresses,  
and he simply adds the terse comment, "amen".

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Sincerely yours,

W. H. Drane Lester  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

*See*  
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With reference to the attached information appearing in Westbrook Pegler's column for August 30, 1937, pertaining to an alleged pick-up of John Montague by Bureau Agents at Hollywood, California, and his subsequent release, you are advised that this incident did not take place. There is no record of it in the Bureau's files and I talked to Mr. Hanson who advised that such an incident had never occurred.

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Mr. Hanson was advised by telephone to inform any inquiring newspaper men that the story was absolutely without foundation in fact.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Los Angeles, California.

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Dear Mr. Hanson:

As you were advised by Mr. Tamm on August 30, 1937, the Bureau records do not substantiate the statement made in the column of Westbrook Pegler appearing in the Washington Post on August 30, 1937, that Bureau Agents arrested John Montague upon an impersonation charge and subsequently released him "after a number of whisky-sodas".

For your information I am attaching hereto a photostatic copy of the column of Mr. Pegler in which this statement appears, and in the event any inquiries are received by you from any reputable source concerning this article you should advise the inquiring parties that the story is absolutely without foundation in fact.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Walter Winchell  
115 Central Park, West  
New York, New York

Dear Walter:

I thought you might enjoy reading a  
copy of the column written by Robert Lindsay  
Mason which appeared in the Knoxville News-  
Sentinel on August 14, 1948.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Cordially,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Robert Lindsay Mason  
1916 White Avenue  
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mason:

My attention has just been called to the article, "Scores Pegler for Hoover View," which appeared in the Sunday, August 14, 1938 issue of the Knoxville News-Sentinel, and I wanted to personally thank you for the staunch support of this Bureau's activities so forcibly contained in your column.

Criticism is of course to be expected and it is welcome if it is of the constructive type, however, when scurrilous attacks are made such as you have indicated in your review of Mr. Pegler's column, responsible citizens throughout the Nation cannot help but feel similar reactions such as you have so adequately expressed in your article.

May I assure you of this Bureau's desire to always remain worthy of your confidence.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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August 15, 1938

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a newspaper clipping which was published in the News-Sentinel Forum of the Knoxville News-Sentinel on Sunday, August 14, 1938, which makes an adequate answer to the unfair editorial of WESTBROOK PEGLER which was published August 8, 1938. This reply expresses the sentiments of all right-thinking people in regard to PEGLER'S remarks.

ROBERT LINDSAY MASON is an author residing in Knoxville, Tennessee, at 1916 White Avenue. He is a friend of the Knoxville Office, having furnished information to this office at times in the past. I have expressed my appreciation to Mr. MASON for this article and no doubt Mr. MASON would appreciate a letter from the Bureau regarding the same.

Very truly yours,

I. R. DAVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Lester	
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Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith the syndicated article of WESTBROOK PEGLER, which appeared in the Knoxville News Sentinel, Knoxville, Tennessee, August 8, 1938.

I have communicated with Mr. MILLER, Assistant Editor of this paper, who is in charge in the absence of Mr. GEORGE CARMACK, Editor, and expressed to him my displeasure concerning the article. He assured me that the article itself, being syndicated, was published without careful editing, and stated it had long been the practice to print a note next to PEGLER'S article that the comments therein did not represent the editorial views of the paper and that this practice continued for so long he believed it was understood the comments of WESTBROOK PEGLER did not constitute the editorial attitude of the Knoxville News Sentinel.

Very truly yours,

*E. R. Davis*

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# Fair Enough

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

NEW YORK, Aug. 8—It is impossible to deny that, as Edgar Hoover says in an article in Collier's, newspaper reporters sometimes do embarrass the so-called G-men and other police by premature publication of news which tips off criminals that the cops are close. But it is not necessarily true, and Mr. Hoover offers no evidence that the murder of the Levine boy in New Rochelle was caused or hastened by the conduct of the reporter who trapped the child's father into an admission by posing as an agent of the kidnapers in a telephone conversation.



Mr. Hoover

It would seem more likely that in this case and in the Mattson case the criminals never had any intention to return the victims, and killed them as soon as they conveniently could. A captive, living child is a dangerous handicap to a criminal who knows that a murder adds little, if anything, to the penalty he has already deserved. Mr. Hoover, who boasts that many of his agents are lawyers and that all of them, himself included, know evidence, makes an emotional accusation against the reporters in these two instances, but does not support it with anything that even resembles proof.

## A Sacred Cow?

DO you want to know something about Mr. Hoover? He is spoiled. The American press has treated him as sacred cow. His department is still talking about the glamorization of criminals long after the press took to glamorizing him and his men instead. He has been praised in proportion to the very fine feats of detection which his bureau has achieved. And a little beyond, for the G-men have received entire credit for some jobs in which other agencies took part. He is a great personal press agent, and he has pet writers, or stooges with access to big newspaper and magazine circulation who scratch his back in return for material that glorifies Edgar Hoover and the G's.

I would like to point out, too, that, as Mr. Hoover himself has indicated more than once, there are a lot of crooked police and prosecutors serving crooked politicians in various cities in this country, and that, as he failed to point out, newspaper reporters often have turned up and called irresistible public attention to evidence which local officials were trying to ignore or were too stupid to discover.

The Hall-Mills case in New Brunswick, N. J., was so badly handled that it was only in response to the work of reporters that the body of Mrs. Mills was exhumed after some time to reveal the fact that she had not been only shot but almost beheaded by a knife. It was the enterprise of a newspaper that compelled the prosecution of Walter Ward in White Plains after the local authorities had dropped proceedings against the son of a millionaire in a slight case of murder. There have been any such incidents.

## Mr. Hoover's Cow

AS Mr. HOOVER has reason to know, the police of Kansas City are the minions of the most corrupt politico-underworld machine that this country has produced since the day in Minneapolis when several of the high-ranking police officials and even the mayor himself were sent to prison, largely through the enterprise of newspaper reporters for doing business not merely with prostitutes but with burglars and stickups, as well. Mr. Hoover knows that the Kansas City force is used to protect open gambling and prostitution in places holding the sanction of the organization, and to suppress these activities in plants

whose operators do not pay their dues.

A reporter working on a big crime story in Kansas City cannot reasonably be asked to hold back or totally suppress news-evidence on the representation of such police that premature publication would be embarrassing. The police might be trying to cover up a pet criminal. Mr. Hoover has had experience with the Kansas City police. He knows that the same is true of much of rural Missouri and rural Indiana; and it has not been long since his own boss, Homer Cummings, was moved to say, apropos of several inside jobs in the St. Paul Police Department, that there was something rotten in St. Paul.

## Not Mentioning Names

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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 5, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Egan	
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Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. McIntire	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Mr. Foxworth called from New York and read me the following newspaper article written by Westbrook Boyle.

"It is impossible to deny that, as Edgar Hoover says in his article in Colliers, newspaper reporters sometimes do embarrass the so-called G-Men and other police by premature publication of news which tips off criminals that the cops are close. But it is not necessarily true, and Mr. Hoover offers no evidence, that the murder of the Levine boy in New Rochelle was caused or hastened by the conduct of the reporter who trailed the child's father into an admission by posing as an agent of the kidnaper in a telephone conversation.

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"Do you want to know something about Mr. Hoover. He is spoiled. The American press has treated him as a sacred cow. His Department is still talking about the glamorization of criminals long after the press took to glorifying him and his men instead. He has been praised in proportion to the very fine feat of detection which his Bureau has achieved and a little beyond for the G-Men have received entire credit for some jobs in which other agencies have taken part. He is a great personal press agent and he has had writers or stooges with access to big newspaper and magazine circulation, to scratch his back in return for material which glorifies Edgar Hoover as a genius.

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"You Never Know"

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Respectfully,

*P. F. Foxworth*  
P. F. FOXWORTH.

This article appeared in today's issue of the New York World Telegram.

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August 11, 1938.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Dawsey  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Tracy

My dear Mr. Hoover:-

I suppose, of course, that you are accustomed to attacks by newspaper men who are disgruntled because you have attempted to curtail their activities in the interests of saving human life. The personal angle obscures their view of result which you are trying to accomplish.

I enclose herewith such an attack made by a columnist, Westbrook Pegler, in our local sheet, "Rome Daily Sentinel", which I have answered as enclosed carbon. My answer to Mr. Pegler is to the effect that, although I have suffered considerably from not being able to secure cooperation from local prosecutors of crime, still I have confidence in the Federal force as led by you.

Because I feel that it is seldom that we have in public office a brilliant mind going in the right direction, combined with honesty and fearlessness, I feel that you should receive the heartfelt support of every person in the United States. I therefore have expressed myself to that effect, and I feel sure that the majority of persons reading Mr. Pegler will see for themselves just why the attack was made.

I do not know who your publicity man is to whom he refers as a "louse", but I am not greatly disturbed by this charge.

Kindly be assured of my continued cooperation and appreciation. I feel sure that no attack will ever change you.

Cordially,

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By WESTBROOK PEGLER

## J. Edgar Hoover Is Spoiled Boy

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I divide Mr. Hoover's complaint against reporters by the significant fact that in his personal association with members of the craft his instinct has selected for his special crony and press agent one who is notorious throughout the newspaper business as a louse in the blouse of American journalism.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your recent letter was received in the FBI on August 22, 1938, together with the enclosed clipping of the article by Westbrook Pegler concerning my recent interview with Mr. Quentin Reynolds which was published in Collier's Magazine, as well as the copy of your letter of August 11, 1938 to Mr. Pegler, and I wanted you to know how much I appreciate the continued staunch support which you have for our work.

It is a matter of encouragement to me to have the vigorous and active interest of so many responsible citizens throughout the Nation, such as yourself, manifest in the furtherance of efficient law enforcement.

May I assure you that my associates in the FBI join with me in expressing our appreciation for the confidence which you have in our efforts to reduce the criminal element in this country and I trust we may always merit your faith.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Walter Winchell  
115 Central Park West  
New York, New York

Dear Walter:

I just read your column in the "Mirror" this morning relative to "Mental Halitosis" Pegler's latest tirade against the FBI. The Pegler column which I read in the New York World Telegram did not include the last paragraph which appeared in this morning's "Washington Post" and I am, therefore, enclosing the entire column which appeared in the "Washington Post." I assume it is you he refers to in the last paragraph of the enclosed column. However, as I have so often said, I frequently judge a man by who calls him a "s.o.b." rather than the fact that he is called. It is often a compliment to be damned by some and certainly this is true in regard to poor old "Mental Halitosis" Pegler. No one could expect him to have any different standard of ethics than to condone such activities as occurred in the Levine and Matteson cases upon the part of some coyotes who don't properly represent the true newspapermen.

Then again, old "U. H." Pegler has to fill his column and I guess for that reason we should be charitable. The squeaks that come out of him - I don't know whether they come from his head or from his bones, but probably that would still apply to his head.

Hoping to see you soon, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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# WALTER WINCHELL On Broadway

"Death in the Headlines," by John Edgar Hoover "as told to" a widely-known magazine writer in the August 13th Collier's, inspired essayist Westbrook Pegler to scold the G-man and the FBI, again. "It is impossible," concedes Pegler, "to deny that, as Edgar Hoover says, newspaper reporters sometimes do embarrass the so-called G-men and other police by premature publication of news which tips off criminals that the cops are close" . . . In the Collier's story, Mr. Hoover thinks that the Levine boy might have been returned alive, if a reporter hadn't hoaxed Mr. Levine into spilling the story . . . The ransom note stated: "If you report the kidnapping either to the police or to the newspapers we will kill the child."

The reporter, whose name is spared in Mr. Hoover's expose, admitted his identity to Mr. Levine after his paper published the beat . . . He got the exclusive news, according to the G-men, by posing as the kidnaper over the phone to the distracted father . . . Mr. Hoover's article set forth that what probably happened was this: The story by the kidnaper believed he had been double-crossed, so he ordered the child.

Mr. Pegler also remarks: "He (Hoover) has pet writers, or tooges with access to big newspaper and magazine circulation, who scratch his back in return for material that glorifies Edgar Hoover and the G's."

The widely-known magazine writer to whom Mr. Hoover related the Collier's story, reports: "The reporter who phoned Mr. Levine certainly showed very little common sense, ethics or decency. His fellow reporters on the case had nothing but contempt for the trick he worked. His actions were in strange contrast to those of a widely-known columnist in New York City, who withheld publication for over 24 hours of information concerning Bruno Richard Hauptmann's participation in the Lindbergh kidnap-

ing. That writer could have had one of the greatest newspaper 'scoops' in history, but he did not take advantage of it because he felt it would hinder the investigation of that atrocious crime."

The Saturday Evening Post of August 13, with its uncanny timing, kibitzes into the controversy with an article prepared by J. P. McEvoy several months ago . . . Mr. McEvoy's article says in part: "Winchell will tell you that he honestly believes that the Lindbergh baby would be alive today if a woman's magazine hadn't published a layout with pictures of the upper floor of the Lindbergh house. 'It was like giving them a map!' he says. Certainly he knows a lot about the Lindbergh case. He printed scoop after scoop months before testimony at the trial authenticated his inside information. On



EDDIE CANTOR  
Won't Like Story

the wall of his office is a framed letter from J. Edgar Hoover, and the following paragraph from it, which has never been printed before, is an interesting revelation of how Winchell sacrificed the biggest scoop of his career...

"...yesterday I had the occasion of speaking before the newspaper editors of America who are in convention here in Washington, at which time I pointed out some of the things that the newspapers help us in

and some of the things in which they hurt. I pointed out, without, of course, mentioning the name specifically, how a well-known columnist had refrained from printing a truly national and international scoop on the Lindbergh case for 24 hours, in order not to harm the investigation which was being conducted in that case. Of course, you know who that person is. The entire speech is 'off the record,' but I thought the editors should know that there was at least one columnist who put patriotism and the safety of society above any mercenary attitude in his profession."

Eddie Cantor won't like this story at all, but it is a fact . . . His last film, "All Baba," was shown in Germany, with Cantor's name omitted from all advertising and billing . . . In the movie there is a scene where All Baba walks along greeting everyone, extending his right arm in a manner similar to the Nazi salute . . . The German movie exhibitors, before releasing the picture to the theatres, had dubbed in their own sound for that sequence. The dubbed-in voice made it appear that Eddie Cantor (Hitler's second worst enemy) was saying: "Hell Hitler! Hell Hitler!"

While Corrigan was still aboard Billy Rose cabled a London agent authorizing him to offer the flier \$5,000 for one week at his Casa Manana. "All he has to do," cabled Rose, "is walk across the stage." To which the agent cabled back: "At what pace?"

The "Pins and Needles" kids, a group of garment workers, whose singing and dancing made their revue a big hit, are touring America. They are seeing it for the first time. When they were told that the train would soon pass through the desert, the Grand Canyon and other famous scenic spots, Lynne Jaffe, who does the "It Isn't Cricket to Picket" number, exclaimed: "Gee, all my geography—coming to life!"

Mr. Tolson ✓  
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By Westbrook Pegler



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It would seem more likely that in this case and in the Mattson case the criminals never had any intention to return the victims, and killed them as soon as they conveniently could. A captive, living child is a dangerous handicap to a criminal who knows that a murder adds little if anything to the penalty he has already deserved. Mr. Hoover, who boasts that many of his agents are lawyers and that all of them, himself included, know evidence, makes an emotional accusation against the reporters in these two instances, but does not support it with anything that even resembles proof.

## Spoiled Boy.

Do you want to know something about Mr. Hoover? He is spoiled. The American press has treated him as a sacred cow. His department is still talking about the glamorization of criminals long after the press took to glamorizing him and his men instead. He has been praised in proportion to the very fine feats of detection which his bureau has achieved, and a little beyond, for the G-men have received entire credit for some jobs in which other agencies took part. He is a great personal press agent, and he has pet writers, or stooges with access to big newspaper and magazine circulation who scratch his back in return for material that glorifies Edgar Hoover and the G's.

I would like to point out, too, that, as Mr. Hoover himself has indicated more than once, there are a lot of crooked police and prosecutors serving crooked

politicians in various cities in this country, and that, as he failed to point out, newspaper reporters often have turned up and called irresistible public attention to evidence which local officials were trying to ignore or were too stupid to discover. The Hall-Mills case in New Brunswick, N. J., was so badly handled that it was only in response to the work of reporters that the body of Mrs. Mills was exhumed after some time to reveal the fact that she had been not only shot but almost beheaded by a knife. It was the enterprise of a newspaper that compelled the prosecution of Walter Ward in White Plains after the local authorities had dropped proceedings against the son of a millionaire in a slight case of murder. There have been many such incidents.

As Mr. Hoover has reason to know, the police of Kansas City are the minions of the most corrupt politico-underworld machine that this country has produced since the day in Minneapolis when several of the high-ranking police officials and even the Mayor himself were sent to prison, largely through the enterprise of newspaper reporters for doing business not merely with prostitutes but with burglars and stickups, as well. Mr. Hoover knows that the Kansas City force is used to protect open gambling and prostitution in places holding the sanction of the organization, and to suppress these activities in plants whose operators do not pay their dues.

## You Never Know.

A reporter working on a big crime story in Kansas City cannot reasonably be asked to hold back or totally suppress news-evidence on the representation of such police that premature publication would be embarrassing. The police might be trying to cover up a pet criminal. Mr. Hoover has had experience with the Kansas City police. He knows that the same is true of much of rural Missouri and rural Indiana, and it has not been long since his own boss, Homer Cummings, was moved to say, apropos several inside jobs in the St. Paul Police Department, that there was something rotten in St. Paul.

He seems to need reminding, too, that his own bureau, the F. B. I., during his own service in the same, has been guilty of crooked work, with particular reference to the Harding era, when Gaston Means was a G-man and William J. Burns was chief.

Article in Wash. Post added the following paragraph:

"I divide Mr. Hoover's complaint against reporters by the significant fact that in his personal association with members of the craft his instinct has selected for his special crony and press agent one who is notorious throughout the newspaper business as a louse in the blouse of

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

LAT:MFW  
4:22 P.M.

December 16, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

While calling about another matter S.C. Brantley of New York read to me the following excerpt from the column of Westbrook Pegler:

"Thurman Arnold, Assistant Attorney General, and Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, the best known advertiser in the Department of Justice, recently propounded an idea which may be admirable at fostering humility, but calls for a challenge nevertheless."

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E. A. Tamm

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Knoxville, Tennessee  
August 29, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith an editorial taken from the Knoxville News Sentinel, August 27, written by ROBERT LINDSAY MASON, who makes answer to WESTBROOK PEGLER'S comment with regard to the Bureau contained in his syndicated column published on August 21.

Mr. MASON is a very warm admirer of the Director and never misses an opportunity to praise the Bureau and defend the Director and the Bureau against unfair criticism.

Due to the fact that I knew that Mr. MASON did not read PEGLER'S column, I called his attention to the comments made by PEGLER in the article above referred to, whereupon Mr. MASON informed me that he would make an answer. Mr. MASON no doubt would appreciate receiving a letter of appreciation from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

E. R. DAVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Robert Lindsay Mason  
1916 White Avenue  
Knorrville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mason:

My attention has been called to an article appearing in the Knoxville News-Sentinel on August 27, 1939, in which you entered a protest at the recent comments which Westbrook Pegler made concerning the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I did want to write you this personal note and express my appreciation for your article. It is indeed gratifying to know that the FBI has the loyal support of such outstanding writers as yourself, and it is my earnest wish that we will continue to merit the esteem which you have expressed in your article.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
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Mr. Nichols .....  
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Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Tamm .....

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Knoxville, Tennessee  
September 7, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a newspaper clipping taken from the Knoxville News Sentinel dated September 8, 1939, which makes reference to the editorial written by ROBERT LINDSAY MASON in reply to WESTBROOK PEOLER.

It is noted that Miss ETHEL GIBBS has written a poem to Mr. HOOVER.

Miss GIBBS resides at the Reid Hotel in Knoxville, Tennessee and is employed at the Palace Hat Shop. I have endeavored to contact Miss GIBBS but I am informed that she has been staying for the past few days at the home of her sister in Louisville, Tennessee. She expects to return to Knoxville next week.

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Very truly yours,

E. R. DAVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Miss Ethel Gibbs  
Reid Hotel  
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Gibbs:-

In Mr. Hoover's absence from Washington, the poem which you wrote and which recently appeared in the Knoxville News Sentinel has been called to my attention. I know that Mr. Hoover will deeply appreciate the sentiments expressed by you in your verse, which will be called to his attention upon his return.

Sincerely yours

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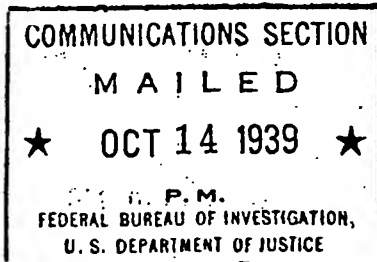
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Clyde Tolson  
Assistant Director

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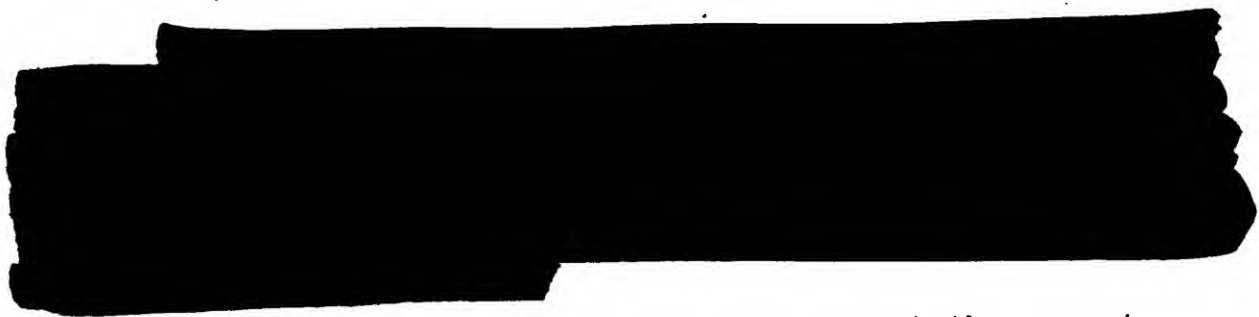
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Re: Miss Ethel Gibbs

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
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Reference is made to the poem to the Director by Ethel Gibbs which appeared in the Knoxville News Sentinel under date of September 3, 1939.

I made a check of the files concerning Miss Gibbs which reveals that the first communication received from her was a picture post card sent to the Director from Knoxville, Tennessee, under date of May 11, 1938, which was not acknowledged.

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Nothing else appears in the file except the recent communications from SAC E. R. Davis of Knoxville, who advises that Miss Gibbs resides at the Reid Hotel in Knoxville and is employed at the Palace Hat Shop. She has worked for the Knoxville Journal, having written a column for the Journal for some years in the past but at the present time she is not permanently employed but submits material from time to time, some of which is accepted.

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Respectfully,

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R. C. Hendon

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Knoxville, Tennessee  
September 15, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re **ETHEL GIBBS**

Dear Sir

Reference is made to my letter of September 7, 1939, forwarding to the Bureau a newspaper article and short poem written by Miss **ETHEL GIBBS** in response to WESTBROOK PEGLER'S article.

The writer has contacted Miss **GIBBS** and finds that she has worked for the Knoxville Journal, having written a column for the Journal for some years in the past, although at the present time she is not permanently employed there but submits material from time to time, some of which is accepted and some rejected.

It is believed that a letter to Miss **GIBBS** expressing appreciation of her article and poem would be appropriate as well as appreciated.

Very truly yours

*E. R. Davis*

E. R. DAVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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Memo to Mr. Clegg  
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Letter Miss GIBBS  
10-12-39  
W. L. Sullivan  
W. L. Sullivan

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# Hitler Wasted 2 Cents

NOTE to Adolf Hitler: Your propaganda machine at 17 Battery Place, New York City, wasted two perfectly good pennies yesterday in mailing this column some of your hokey.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Chief of F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I suspect that Mr. Davis, my friend of the F. B. I. here, sent you the clipping in which was expressed our distaste for Pegler's column on Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

My sympathies and support for the present set-up of the F B I under your supervision is genuine and wholehearted. Its efficiency and fearlessness, utterly devoid of political control as were former secret service activities - under Burns, for instance - is so well rounded and unimpeachable, that it excites my admiration and faithful adherence. I cannot help this ever since I had an amateur smattering of doing my bit at secret service of a civilian sort during the former world war, which is now continuing. But haven't we learned a lot since 1914? And aren't we grateful for it? The utter folly of unpreparedness of that time is astounding and a wonder. But for the grace of God we would never have muddled through.

I told Mr. Davis that if I could help in any way here, he could on me for the least service. That man is alert and stays on the job. And don't think he will find those endless "witch hunts" we had in the former years for folks have learned some sense. This world agitation is a cold, calculating thing that shall go far toward efficient national conduct and temper. Propaganda will not play an important part. The blows of actual truth will go farther toward shaking the foundations of our natural enemies and finally drive them from their secret hideouts.

We were very fortunate here in Knoxville during the World War with our amateur organization of 400 members. Many did nothing, but my "buddy" and I did turn up some real stuff. Through contact of a physician friend I was able to put the finger of the government on a secret wireless station manned by a German who had served as electrician in our navy! He was in constant communication with Nauen, Essen, Berlin and Munich and was eavesdropping on the Eiffel Tower station in Paris and listening to our own coast stations. But, out of mistaken gratitude to the doctor who attended his wife in a childbirth case at the point of the German's pistol, he gave his secret away at an unguarded moment and the U.S. Marshal smashed his aerial and condenser.

Another time I ferreted out a German munitions worker who, oddly enough, brought about the closing of a munitions plant here by the simple expedient of smuggling defective shells into shipments, past the U. S. inspector, and calling a strike of workers with the spurious charge laid to unions! He had also become star witness for the government's prosecution. The chief of secret service, even, was so fooled that I had a time convincing him with actual evidence from a lawyer's office. The trial was called off and the German skipped to parts unknown. And was the chief of secret service's face red!

S.S.

My "buddie" was a garage mechanic who built bodies for cars. He suddenly became aware one day that he was building a car with a secret compartment. Look

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Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. A. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Ladd .....  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
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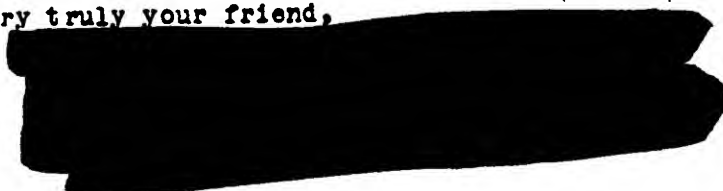


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woman spy who entertained sailors near the Norfolk Navy yard, who was later arrested, ~~was~~ tried here in the U. S. Court and sentenced to internment for the period of the war. The "junk" man was arrested but not soon enough. He had received an urgent telegram that his "aunt" had just died in Norfolk. While reading it, his house caught fire by some mysterious (?) cause and burned to the ground. The excitement caused an apoplectic stroke and the stocky, short-necked Hun dropped dead in his tracks. The house was so thoroughly damaged by the sudden fire that nothing was identifiable or incriminating. That is, according to the former slipshod methods of secret service. It is different now.

Another buddy in the amateur secret service was assistant engineer and accountant at the big Wilson Dam at Muscle Shoals. He was suspicious of the actions of a German in the draughting room and watched the Hun. The matter was reported to the U. S. Inspector in charge, who told Bonham to watch until he was satisfied the German had actually stolen blue prints. The time came when the Hun's room was searched and the prints restored to the office, and the offender went to jail pronto.

Well, we could go on indefinitely with those tales, even here in Knoxville. These were multiplied in greater degree elsewhere. But one curious and amusing fact came to light. All spies of those days had a name beginning with the letter "Z"; ~~as~~ Zeigler, Zembke, Zeige, etc. I expect it will be harder now for the sneaking Russian-reds to amalgamate with the guttural German on such stuff. They would prefer French. However, who ever heard of Browder or Bridges being French?

I hate the whole bunch. I have hated them ever since the World War and every time I come in contact with a spurious character who attacks our nation or its precepts of freedom, I intend to jump on him and give him hell - even if his name is Pegler! The greatest fortune to you and your work. Personally, I think we should clean our country up and sterilize it of these social termites first, then hand ~~the~~ munitions over to our friends across the pond. We have enough troubles of our own right now to attend.

Very truly your friend,  
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September 28, 1939

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 20, 1939, has been received, and I wanted to express my sincere appreciation for the support which you have manifested in the work of this Bureau. It is a source of inspiration to us in the Federal Bureau of Investigation to realize that outstanding citizens of this nation such as you so heartily approve of our activities.

I enjoyed very much reading the account of your work during the days of the World War as well as your views regarding the present situation.

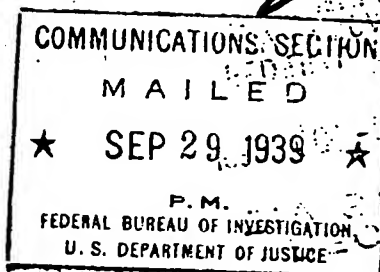
With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Coffey  
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Mr. Harbo  
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February 29, 1940

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation with Mr. E. A. Tamm, of the Bureau, this evening, I am transmitting two copies of the picture entitled "The Recruit" which appeared in The Philadelphia Inquirer, March 1, 1940.

I am, likewise, transmitting two copies of the editorial entitled "No OGPU Wanted Here!", which editorial is referred to under the picture entitled "The Recruit" on page one of the First City Edition.

"J. Edgar Hoover Seems Giving Up Glamour Role" by Westbrook Pegler, appearing in the same edition, is also enclosed.

Very truly yours,

J. F. SEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, ISSUE OF MARCH 1, 1940

## The Recruit

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# Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler

## Glamour Cop

REPRESENTATIVE Vito Marcantonio, of New York, has called J. Edgar Hoover a Stork Club detective, which is pretty good going, just as repartee, and if Mr. Hoover will now crack back that Marcantonio is a Communist Congressman the boys will be even. For Mr. Hoover is, in a manner of speaking, a night-club fly-cop, and, in the same manner of speaking, Marcantonio is a bolo statesman. Hoover hangs out in no-glamour jukes, and the Representative camps around with the Muscovites, and if Marcantonio wants to judge Mr. Hoover by the company that he keeps, he couldn't mind being judged by rule himself. He will mind, however. For him to call Mr. Hoover a Stork Club detective is lesemanship, but it undoubtedly will be red-baiting to call Marcantonio a Communist on the same grounds.

Mr. Hoover's worst fault is not hangout. His worst fault is that he is sensational. For a file on his trashy personal publicity he has permitted the prestige of his bureau to be exploited commercially by a personal following of selected junior G-men and himself to be identified in the public mind with gents' room journalism. A few years ago, when he was strictly a cop and before he had tasted celebrity, he was regarded as the greatest policeman since Pinkerton, but he soiled his prestige in the Lindbergh trial by showing, or, anyway, failing to prevent, the creation of an impression that he was trying his best in the papers through the best form of journalism that has ever disgraced the craft.

HE HASN'T TURNED up any big in a long time, and it may be that he has outlived his usefulness in his present job and is on the threshold of a new career. He would be a great asset as a keyhole columnist or a roller, and he should be something, at current rates. For 15 minutes a week of hysterics on the air composed of unimportant and unconfirmed incidents about people too big and contemptuous to talk back.



J. EDGAR HOOVER  
Is it fair to call him a "Stork Club Detective"? See Mr. Westbrook Pegler's discussion of this question at the left.

arrest of a number of vermin, male and female, in the Miami sector on Mann Act charges, and this has been challenged on the ground that prostitution is a friendly or, to say the worst, necessary vice. It is my contention, however, that this is just about Mr. Hoover's speed, and that, since Congress, in its wisdom, made a law forbidding interstate traffic in prostitutes, the F. B. I. has no right to interpret public opinion as having repealed the law. It is not comforting to hear such men as Willie Bioff and George Scalise absolved or defended, even though these two distinguished labor leaders had wrought well for the underpaid and for altruistic motives, and it is not Hoover's right to ignore evidence of interstate prostitution. On the contrary, it is his duty to get evidence and make arrests.

The fact is that the two Miamis have become the winter headquarters of the most prosperous and, therefore, most vicious criminals out of prison, and Mr. Hoover is wise in establishing his camp there in the biggest season of all. The local police and the Florida State authorities and the politicians who control them have been too foul or too dumb for trusting, and the problem is not local, but interstate. Both the criminal scum, as Hoover so happily described this loathsome horde of panders, racketeers, blackmailers, gamblers and drug venders, and the legitimate winter customers of the two Miamis come from other States.

The Miamis are a good place in which to gather and check information and identifications, and the fact that the local authority never has been either competent or trustworthy invites the F. B. I. and the Department of Justice to concentrate there.

HOOVER IS understanding matters when he says that the local authorities do not cooperate. If the local authorities wanted to they could make the two Miamis so hot for the criminal scum of the country that no doorknob thief would ever light there. Mr. Hoover is not only harassing the criminal scum, but seriously interfering with the vicious corruption of the local government when he lets it be known that he is spending his vacation there and that a number of his fly-cops will be on duty around the clock as long as the season lasts.

And if, as a result of his winter's work, the gamblers are starved for a season and the thieves in office are made afraid to do business with crime, that is good police work, which is Hoover's job, and a net profit to the country which pays his wages.

If Mr. Hoover is for getting that he is a glamour cop and getting down to police duty, let's let him alone.

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The Miamis are a good place in which to gather and check information and identifications, and the fact that the local authority never has been either competent or trustworthy invites the F. B. I. and the Department of Justice to concentrate there.

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And if, as a result of his winter's work, the gamblers are starved for a season and the thieves in office are made afraid to do business with crime, that is good police work, which is Hoover's job, and a net profit to the country which pays his wages.

If Mr. Hoover is forgetting that he is a glamour cop and getting down to police duty, let's let him alone.

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**J. EDGAR HOOVER**

*Is it fair to call him a "Stark Club detective?" See Mr. Westbrook Pegler's discussion of this question at the left*

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

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New York, N. Y.  
February 29, 1940.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There is transmitted herewith a clipping  
of Westbrook Pegler's column, headed "Fair Enough", from the  
New York World Telegram of February 29th. This is the article  
I read to you today over the telephone.

Sincerely yours,

*P. E. Foxworth*  
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# Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler

Representative Vito Marcantonio of New York has called J. Edgar Hoover a Stork Club detective, which is pretty good going, just as repartee, and if Mr.



Hoover will now crack back that Marcantonio is a Communist Congressman the boys will be even. For Mr. Hoover is, in a manner of speaking, a night-club fly-cop, and, in the same manner of speaking, Marcantonio is a Bolo statesman. Hoover hangs out in the glamour jukes, and the Representative camps around with the Muscovites, and if Marcantonio wants to judge Mr. Hoover by the company that he keeps he shouldn't mind being judged by the same rule him-

self. He will mind, however. For him to call Mr. Hoover a Stork Club detective is statesmanship, but it undoubtedly will be red-baiting to call Marcantonio a Communist on the same grounds.

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I strongly recommend that  
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# Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler

## Reply To Mr. Green

WILLIAM GREEN HAS addressed a form letter to all newspapers which publish these dispatches asking that they print a series of articles answering certain observations regarding the American Federation of Labor, particularly this one:

"The A. F. of L. is not the body of labor with a capital L at all, but a great, arrogant, corrupt, hypocritical, parasitic racket which preys on union men and persecutes nonmembers and has been getting away with many varieties and all degrees of crime, up to and including murder, for years."

I hope the papers publish Mr. Green's reply, because he has offered none in several speeches since the first of the year. I have not yet submitted my full case in support of the charge. I find new evidence every day. However, for a starter Mr. Green might go to work on the facts which I have published already, showing that certain charters issued by the American Federation of Labor are used by criminals to extort money from both workers and employers, that an American Mafia has been created by associate members of the old Capone mob in cooperation with New York and Brooklyn racketeers under the auspices of the A. F. of L. and that men convicted of crimes against the peace and against the rank and file of Labor with a capital L are permitted to hold office in A. F. of L. unions.



WESTBROOK PEGLER

Back from his vacation, he replies to William Green with another slashing attack on racketeering and racketeers in the labor movement.

AS TO MURDER, the record is very bad, and while it is not alleged that the national body, as such, ever ordered or committed a murder, nevertheless, the national body is accountable for murders done in the course of disputes among and between subsidiary unions. The parent body cannot disown its children. Mr. Green attempts to shirk this responsibility, but if he is permitted to get away with that, then obviously the rank and file members will be abandoned to the wolves within the labor movement.

I know Mr. Green only by his record and his statements. When I did try to interview him in Washington on the matter of Willie Bioff, the Capone hoodlum and vice-monger who runs the labor racket of the amusement industry, his press officer said it was useless to arrange a meeting, because the subject was beyond Mr. Green's authority. I cite this incident to show that the national headquarters of the A. F. of L. refused the opportunity to be heard.

Mr. Green has taken a hurt attitude and has even insinuated that I am under some secret subsidy from some organization to destroy the A. F. of L. I have invited him to present evidence as to that, but he hasn't done so, nor has he at any time discussed the facts which I have put forward, except to complain that it is unkind to bring up such matters.

But I may have given an impression of hostility to the A. F. of L. as such, and I would like to make myself clear on that.

I AM NOT hostile to the A. F. of L. or any of its component unions, and I am much more sympathetic with the underpaid and oppressed rank and file than many of the union officials are. But I hate criminals and grafters, and I should think that Mr. Green and the A. F. of L. would hate them, too, particularly when they are discovered in the labor movement, thieving from the workers and selling them out to the employers, disgracing the A. F. of L. and destroying the prestige and strength of organized labor.

I may be naive, but if I were president of the A. F. of L. I would find somewhere in the constitution legal authority to disown and throw out of the movement not only Willie Bioff and George Scalise, the convicted vice-mongers who never were workers and always have been racketeers, but certain distinguished grafters in the higher positions who have grown rich by exploiting their connection with labor and who are employers themselves. I would also throw out George Browne, the president of the labor racket of the amusement industry, for appointing as his personal representatives two infamous Chicago criminals, Bioff and Nick Circella, and for obvious general unfitness. I would not wait for reporters or public prosecutors to delouse my organization, but, out of devotion to the A. F. of L. and its good name and in the interests of the rank and file, I would raise pluperfect hell until all criminals and grafters were driven out. And I would be on my toes constantly to keep such vermin out. I am beginning to believe that I am actually more sympathetic with the A. F. of L. in its intended form and character and with the rank and file than Mr. Green is himself.

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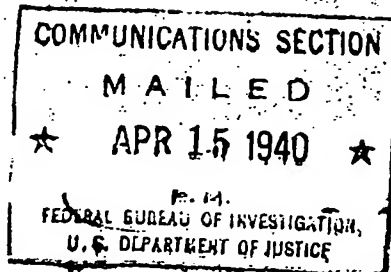
In the absence of Mr. Hoover from the City I wish to acknowledge your communication of April 4, 1940. I am sure that the Director will appreciate your thoughtfulness in calling his attention to the article you mention.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

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# Pegler

## Throws a Little Light on the Publicity Enjoyed by Boss G-Man Hoover.

BY WESTBROOK PEGLER.

New York, April 8.—The recent flurry of publicity regarding J. Edgar Hoover's sojourn in the Miamis was due in part to his participation in the game of log-rolling, also known as back-scratching, which is one of the favorite sports of members of the New Deal administration. In this game, a department or bureau head enters an understanding with one or more journalists whereby he receives favorable publicity in return for petty news breaks and gossip or background on official matters. The ethical impropriety of such dealing is obvious to real newspaper reporters, but nowadays we have a hybrid type performing on the air as well as in print whose studio rating and pay are measured by their ability to deliver little blurbs of exclusive news or prediction, not necessarily accurate or even true, and not necessarily important. Many items which are sent over the air in a shriek as flash matter are so trivial that in the newspapers they would not make print at all. The air is

scandalously indifferent to the fundamental rules of reporting, which call for verification or, at least, a conscientious effort to verify. But I am sorry I brought up that thought, because the truth is that such hybrids use the same methods in print that they use on the radio.

### The G-Men Become Heroes.

A long time ago, when the public almost unanimously hated prohibition and inferentially, at least, admired bootleggers and racketeers, the hoodlum received a fine press and the gangster fiction and movies and even gangster news glamorized the criminal and low-rated the police and federal agents. But when the kidnaping began, after repeal, there was an abrupt, deliberate change, and J. Edgar Hoover and his department, up to that time almost unknown to the public, were heroized and the criminals correctly were depicted as vermin.

Hoover's press apparently went to his head, and a quiet, efficient boss cop became a celebrity and fight-night type. Cheap publicity began to appear about him.

About the same time that Mr. Hoover began to be identified with a type of off-journalism, which is the foulest development in the trade since the dirtiest days of James Gordon Bennett, he also began to reproach the bulk of the American press for meddling in the investigations of important crimes. There were regrettable offenses in which reporters using old-fashioned methods accidentally tipped off criminals, but in no case was there any suggestion that any reporter, however uncouth his methods, was in league with the crooks. And it may be remembered that according to Mr. Hoover himself and Homer T. Cummings, when he was attorney general, the local cops are not always trustworthy. In St. Paul and Kansas City, for example, and in Chicago, too, a good reporter, working on his own, might turn up evidence which the police were trying to conceal.

### Strange Bedfellows.

It seems odd that Mr. Hoover, who was criticizing the press for bad ethics, should associate his prestige of his bureau

a type of journalism which has been a source of shame and embarrassment to all legitimate members of the craft. Legitimate newspapermen learn early in the game certain imperative rules, and it was impossible to maintain the highest respect for the head of a federal bureau who plainly had a preference for the scandal and rumor school of journalism.

A man may choose his friends, and that privilege goes for J. Edgar Hoover, but the reason now given on positive authority, why Mr. Hoover permitted his own official prestige and that of his bureau to be so exploited will not endear him to Congress or allay the curiosity of Congress regarding his operations. It is explained that Mr. Hoover permitted this exploitation and touting as an act of gratitude for services rendered. What were those services? Mr. Hoover is naive enough to believe that a log-rolling or propaganda campaign waged on his behalf by a gents'-room journalist compelled Congress to raise the appropriation for his bureau some years ago.

Congress will not like to be told that a bureau chief resorted to such means to influence legislation and that, in payment for this coercion he had permitted the commercial exploitation of the F. B. I.

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## How to End Gambling

ment to something very effective. My men would jam their expensive hats lopsided and down over their eyes and rip their fancy neckties out of plumb and yell at them real rough in the presence of the assembled beauties, and then haul them downtown. They would blush furiously.

My men would have met Al Capone on his arrival and tossed him around with great abandon, and our judges, assuming in my naive way that judges really wanted to clean up the Miami and keep them clean, would have thrown his lawyers out of court when they asked for an injunction—as, of course, they would have.

## Would Revoke Permits

My men would frisk the credentials of premises selling liquor, and our courts would revoke the licenses of all scum, even though they were operating through dummies. I am telling you that I would make life so unpleasant for the scum that the Miamis would be as clean as fire.

People who live and do business in the Miami are always saying that you can't do this and you can't do that to the scum, because the visitors like excitement, but I would just say that the legitimate guests and the owners of nice winter homes there have never expressed any demand for scum to entertain them.

The mere presence of J. Edgar Hoover kept much of the scum, including Al Capone, at a far distance this year, and it was noticed that Mr. Capone did not arrive until Mr. Hoover had left. They are very unhappy in the presence of honest, vigorous cops, of whom Mr. Hoover, whatever his little faults, certainly is one.

There is nothing in the criminal scum problem of the Miamis that could not be cured within a week by 20 feet of garden hose cut up into one-foot lengths.

I would take my captives into a quiet, secluded room and work over them in the old-fashioned way, and then face them out of town with a good swift kick that would give each such guest a start back to New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia or wherever.

After about three days of this Southern hospitality the word would spread through the underworld that the criminal scum were not wanted in the Miamis. Not only would the deportees or refugees themselves hesitate to return, but their friends to the North would cancel their reservations and decide to rough it through the winter on their home grounds.

I know that this kind of police work is frowned upon now, but that is one of the reasons why the Miamis are the winter quarters of the scum. My men wouldn't make mistakes, and the cry of "wrong guy" would never arise, for I wouldn't limit my treatment to men known personally to me or my det as criminal no-goods.

**How to End Gambling**  
In between receptions for the criminal no-goods in the quiet, secluded room my men would prow the back rooms for games of chance. There is a division of local sentiment on the subject of gambling, but the sentiment of the law is plainly against it, so my men would seize all gambling tools discovered in operation and hug them down to some prominent spot, such as Bayfront Park, where we would smash this handsome and expensive furniture to kindling, douse it with gasoline and set it afire.

The proprietors, dealers and all would be taken down to the reception room and admonished, but the dealers would get off without lumps, because they are only employees and, on the average, not bad fellows, who wouldn't assay five dollars a head. But the gorillas attached to these parlors would meet with some accidents, and my men would know how to distinguish between the dealers and the gorillas. The dealers would look different.

ent. At the horse and dog yards my men would humiliate the criminal scum by giving them the bum's rush through the crowds. The scum are extremely vain, and public embarrassment hurts them almost as much as lumps, and when you consider that they would get their bumps, too, you total up the treat-

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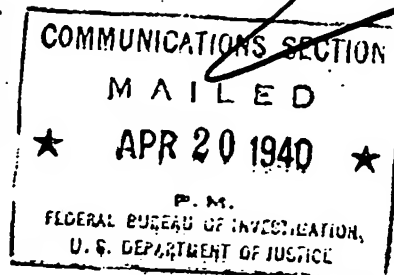
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

With reference to our conversation of today, I am attaching hereto a copy of Walter Winchell's column which appeared in the New York Daily Mirror on April 11, 1940, in which he answers certain statements made in a column by Mr. Westbrook Pegler.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Washington, D. C.

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They were no doubt syndicated and perhaps  
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By WESTBROOK PEGLER.

### Hybrid Reporters

NEW YORK, April 8.—The recent flurry of publicity regarding J. Edgar Hoover's sojourn in the Miamis was due in part to his participation in the game of log-rolling, also known as back-scratching, which is one of the favorite sports of members of the New Deal administration. In this game, a department or bureau head, enters an understanding with one or more journalists whereby he receives favorable publicity in return for petty news breaks and gossip or background on official matters. Ethical impropriety of such dealing is obvious to real newspaper reporters, but nowadays we have a hybrid type performing on the air as well as in print whose studio rating and pay are measured by their ability to deliver little blurbs or exclusive news or prediction, not necessarily accurate or even true, and not necessarily important. Many items which are sent over the air in a shriek as flash matter are so trivial that in the newspapers they would not make print at all. The air is scandalously indifferent to the fundamental rules of reporting, which call for verification or, at least, a conscientious effort to verify. But I am sorry I brought up that thought, because the truth is that such hybrids use the same methods in print that they use on the radio, and the press is to that extent no better than the broadcasting companies.

A long time ago, when the public almost unanimously hated prohibition and inferentially, at least, admired bootleggers and racketeers, the hoodlum received a fine press and the gangster fiction and movies and even gangster news glamorized the criminal and low-rated the police and federal agents. But when the kidnappings began, after repeal, there was an abrupt, deliberate change, and J. Edgar Hoover and his department, up to that time almost unknown to the public, were heroized and the criminals correctly were depicted as vermin.

**Went To His Head** Hoover's press apparently went to his head, and a quiet, efficient boss-cop became a celebrity and tight-night type. Cheap publicity began to appear about him. Publicity of a romantic kind which any man can put a stop to if he is determined to do so.

About the same time that Mr. Hoover began to be identified with a type of off journalism, which is the foulest development in the trade since the dirtiest days of James Gordon Bennett, he also began to reproach the bulk of the American press for meddling in the investigations of important crimes. There were regrettable offenses in which reporters using old-fashioned methods accidentally tipped off criminals, but in no case was there any suggestion that any reporter, however uncouth his methods, was in league with the crooks. And it may be remembered that, according to Mr. Hoover himself, and Homer T. Cummings, when he was attorney general, the local cops are not always trustworthy. In St. Paul and Kansas City, for example, and in Chicago, too, a good reporter, working on his own, might turn up evidence which the police were trying to conceal. And remembering that Harry Daugherty once was attorney general and William J. Burns chief of the FBI, it is not unthinkable that the Department of Justice itself might at times be not entirely reliable.

### Scandal School Of Journalism

It seems odd that Mr. Hoover, who was criticizing the press generally for bad ethics, should nevertheless associate his prestige and the reputation of his bureau with a type of journalism which has been a source of shame and embarrassment to all legitimate members of the craft. Legitimate newspapermen learn early in the game certain imperative rules, and it was impossible to maintain the highest respect for the head of a federal bureau who plainly had a preference for the scandal and rumor school of journalism.

A man may choose his friends, and that privilege goes for J. Edgar Hoover, but the reason now given on positive authority why Mr. Hoover permitted his own official prestige and that of his bureau to be so exploited will not endear him to congress or allay the curiosity of congress regarding his operations. It is explained that Mr. Hoover permitted this exploitation and touting as an act of gratitude for services rendered. What were those services? Mr. Hoover is naive enough to believe that a log-rolling or propaganda campaign waged on his behalf by a gent's-room journalist compelled congress to raise the appropriation for his bureau some years ago.

Congress will not like to be told that a bureau chief resorted to such means to influence legislation and that, in payment for this coercion, he had permitted the commercial exploitation of the FBI.

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## FAIR ENOUGH

By WESTBROOK PEGLER.

**Simple Problem**—NEW YORK, April 9.—The problem of policing the two Miamis, correctly described as the winter quarters of the criminal scum, is so simple that any honest New York lieutenant and 20 decent plainclothesmen would be able to clean up the whole district in about one week and keep it clean.

Of course, I am being naive about this, for I am assuming that the state and local politicians, including the judges and enforcement officers, are clean and conscientious—which is absurd. When a community has to resort to injunctions to forbid criminals to engage in crime, as Miami did this winter, it is obvious that the elected officials are not trying. But to be naive about it, if I were that New York police lieutenant with 20 clean detectives I would meet trains, planes and boats and smash a sort of immigration station on the highway at the city line and pick up every known criminal on sight. I would expect some to slip through and, therefore, I would keep a detail of my men at the horse and dog tracks, rotating the assignments, and work a shift around the night clubs.

I would take my captives into a quiet, secluded room and work over them in the old fashioned way, and then face them out of town finally with a good swift kick in the trousers that would give each such guest a start back to New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia or whatever.

**Word Would Spread**—After about three days of this southern hospitality the word would spread through the underworld that the criminal scum were not wanted in the Miamis. Not only would the deportees or refugees themselves hesitate to return, but their friends to the north would cancel their reservations and decide to rough it through the winter on their home grounds.

I know that this kind of police work is frowned upon now, but that is one of the reasons why the Miamis are the winter quarters of the scum. My men wouldn't make mistakes, and the cry of "wrong guy" would never arise, for I would limit my treatment to men known personally to me or my detectives as criminal no-goods. My men would give them lumps and, arrived back north, they would give Miami a terrible reputation in the underworld.

In between receptions for the criminal no-goods in the quiet, secluded room my men would prowl the back rooms for games of chance. There is a division of local sentiment on the subject of gambling, but the sentiment of the law is plainly against it, so my men would seize all gambling tools discovered in operation and lug them down to some prominent spot, such as Bayfront park, where we would smash this handsome and expensive furniture to kindling, douse it with gasoline and set it afire.

**Dealers Or Gorillas**—The proprietors, dealers and all would be taken down to the reception room and admonished, but the dealers would get off without lumps, because they are only employees and, on the average, not bad fellows, who wouldn't assay five dollars a head. But the gorillas attached to these parlors would meet with some accidents, and my men would know how to distinguish between the dealers and the gorillas. The dealers would look different.

At the horse and dog yards my men would humiliate the criminal scum by giving them the bum's rush through the crowds. The scum are extremely vain, and public embarrassment hurts them almost as much as lumps, and when you consider that they would get their lumps, too, you total up the treatment to something very effective. My men would jam their expensive hats lopsided and down over their eyes and rip their fancy neckties out of plumb and yell at them real rough in the presence of the assembled beauties and then haul them downtown. They would blush furiously.

My men would have met Al Capone on his arrival and tossed him around with great abandon, and our judges, assuming in my naive way that judges really wanted to clean up the Miamis and keep them clean, would have thrown his lawyers out of court when they asked for an injunction—as, of course, they would have. My men would frisk the credentials of premises selling liquor, and our courts would revoke the licenses of all scum, even though they were operating through dummies. I am telling you that I would make life so unpleasant for the scum that the Miamis would be as clean as fire.

## Demand Unvoiced

People who live and do business in the Miamis are always saying that you can't do this and you can't do that to the scum, because the visitors like excitement, but I would just say that the legitimate guests and the owners of nice winter homes there have never expressed any demand for scum to entertain them.

The mere presence of J. Edgar Hoover kept much of the scum, including Al Capone, at a far distance this year, and it was noticed that Mr. Capone did not arrive until Mr. Hoover had left. They are very unhappy in the presence of honest, vigorous cops, of whom Mr. Hoover, whatever his little faults, certainly is one.

There is nothing in the criminal scum problem of the Miamis that could not be cured within a week by 20 feet of garden hose cut up into one-foot lengths.

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April 17, 1940

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your recent communication was received in this Bureau on April 12, 1940, together with the enclosed clippings.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to make this material available to me, and I wish to thank you for the sentiments you expressed in support of the FBI.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Lester \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McIntire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Pls. [unclear]

Tom

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EAT:JJF

May 15, 1940

11:15 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

26.6  
Westbrook Pegler called and stated he had furnished the photograph and fingerprints of a man named [REDACTED]. He had asked for information about this man but Departmental policy had prevented this. He now states that his original material had not been returned to him.

Mr. Pegler advised [REDACTED] had served time in Portsmouth for desertion in time of war, had some trouble in Pennsylvania regarding the robbing of telephone coin boxes and was the originator of the "Ham and Eggs" plan in California.

I told Mr. Pegler we would check the files and if such material was in our possession, it would be returned to him by messenger. He is at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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May 15, 1940

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Westbrook Pegler called from the Shoreham Hotel. He stated that when he was referred to my office some months ago by the Attorney General and made inquiry for the criminal record of [REDACTED] I had advised him of the limitations upon the Bureau's exchange of criminal data; that the Bureau could not furnish him with any information from its files, but that the original material consisting of fingerprints and the photograph of [REDACTED] had not been returned to him. You will recall that by reference from Mr. Murphy's office I did talk with Pegler about this matter on December 6, 1939. The Bureau records do not disclose however that he furnished any fingerprints or photograph to the Bureau.

If you approve I will call him and so advise.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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May 31, 1940

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67-36434-39X1  
Mr. Westbrook Pegler  
New York World Telegram  
125 Barclay Street  
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Subsequent to your telephone call to Mr. Tamm of this Bureau on May 15, 1940, a careful check was made of the Bureau records and files for the purpose of determining whether you had furnished to the Bureau any documents or other material on the occasion when you made an inquiry concerning the criminal record of [REDACTED]

Although the Bureau files disclose that you visited the Bureau on December 6, 1939, and discussed this matter with a Bureau official, the records do not indicate that you furnished to the Bureau any of the documents in your possession. It being recalled that you had also on the same date visited the office of the Attorney General and the office of Mr. Alexander Holtzoff, the Departmental files and records have also been checked but there is no indication that you furnished to either of these Departmental officials any documents or other material.

Very truly yours,

Helen Gandy  
Secretary

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

May 17, 1940

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Jones	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

EAT:TEB

Time 9:25 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Judge Holtzoff of the Department called and stated that he has had the files checked and is quite sure that Westbrook Pegler did not leave any papers with him.

I told him that I would be in touch with Pegler today and would so advise him.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

*Be very circumspect  
in dealing with Pegler.  
The rat will twist any-  
thing around to serve  
his own purpose.*

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Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
June 4, 1940

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[REDACTED]  
The Thomas Nelson  
Granby Street at Tazewell  
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear [REDACTED]

It was very good of you to write to me as you did on May 22, 1940, and I want you to know that I am sincerely grateful for your kind remarks concerning the work of this Bureau.

I also appreciate receiving the enclosure attached to your letter.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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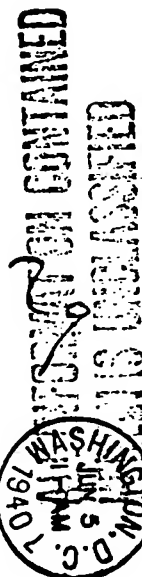
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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P. M. NUNN, Manager

# The Thomas Nelson

GRANBY STREET AT TAZEVELL

Norfolk, Virginia

May 22nd.1940

J. Edgar Hoover.  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Mr. Hoover;-

This article by Westbrook Pegler, so impressed me, that I am sending it on to you. Can these things really be true in America?

Now that ~~X~~ 5th Column activities, Immigration et al., is being turned over to your worthy department, I am sure the people feel that "we'll get some-where."

With cordial good wishes,  
I am Sincerely yours.



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...one of the most  
notorious gangsters in American  
history, is treated as a citizen and  
businessman, and the local prose-  
cutor sees nothing awry in the  
fact that a brother-in-law in the  
Capone and captain of the guard  
at Capone's fortified castle is busi-  
ness agent of the Walters and  
Bartenders' Union. When a few  
witnesses failed to confirm the  
obvious connection between Nil-  
ti's beer and highball water and  
Capone's remote control of the  
union, he whitewashed Capone's  
man.

But why should a witness risk  
his life telling all to that kind of  
prosecutor?

(Copyright, 1934, for The Times.)

#### One Big Happy Family



# It's Fair Enough

Miami Papers Given  
Part of Blame for  
Crime Haven

By Westbrook Pegler.

MY VALUED client, the Miami Herald, has hailed me before the bar of local opinion for discovering, year after year, that the criminal scum of Northern cities move into that community and ply their various nefarious trades. I am accused of failure to perceive the beauties of the place and sense the gaiety of the carefree throngs of well-behaved Americans, who outnumber the truly bad a thousand to one.

In reply may I say that I have often attempted to describe the richness of the scene and to give proper recognition to those daring doers who created on that risky strip between the Glades and the mangrove tangles of the beach a pleasure land without a rival, in certain respects, anywhere on earth. Miami has become a real city and an important port for travel and commerce by air and sea, and appreciation of that fact suggests to me that the two daily newspapers, The Herald and the Daily News, owned by Jimmy Cox, thrice Governor of Ohio and once the Democratic nominee for President, have not grown with the town.

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THERE is nothing wrong with the Miami as to crime, civic corruption and official negligence or connivance that could not be cured by these two papers, or either of them, if the disposition and the ability were there.

As to my own observations year after year, as far back as 1924, I will say that I have had almost a monopoly. There has been no lack of glamour copy, but I recall offhand no other reporter of so realistic, if cheerless, spirit as to observe that, amid the confusion of quick growth and ever more dazzling splendor, the community was developing an underworld as vicious as that of any of the older cities.

The management of both these papers agree the racetrack known as Tropical Park is a political perquisite of an element of criminals from Chicago and New York. They know who those criminals are and admit they defile everything they touch and never have contributed anything to the decent benefit of any city in which they have visited or operated. They are just no good, and their presence is a constant menace to the peace and morals of any place.

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IT HAS been said the criminal scum of the North visit the Miami only to relax. But the criminal's only holiday is a busman's holiday. A low crime rate is meaningless in a town so wicked that even the children know which dives are privileged.

In olden times St. Paul and Toledo were King's-X towns in which crooks wanted elsewhere could sojourn and spend their stealings, immune from extradition as long as they behaved themselves, but neither of the Miami papers would dare challenge local opinion by advocating such an arrangement there, and, anyway, it is well known that the criminals who go there find the local opportunities irresistible.

Frank Nitti, one of the most notorious gangsters in American history, was once a citizen and

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person named  
Armed it is  
Westbrook Pegler  
of the New York World  
Telegram. The more  
Propaganda he is  
allowed to write.  
Read the Telegram  
of New York Aug. 13-4.  
Stop him or arrest  
him.

Westbrook  
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Mr. Edgar Hoover  
Head Superintendent of Police  
Washington  
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BARBIZON PLAZA HOTEL

101 West 58th Street ••• Central Park South ••• New York

August 13<sup>th</sup> / 40

Dear Sir

I enclose a cutting  
from today's New York World  
Telegram.

Should the man who in  
this article insinuates that  
General Perikings and the  
President himself are unpatriotic  
be left free to spread  
the deadly poison of this article  
in the newspapers.

A man who has  
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Mr. Edgar Hoover  
Head Superintendent of Police  
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of Hitler, Stalin and who  
could dare to write the first  
paragraph proves himself to  
be a traitor to America, and  
I feel sure you will treat  
him and his associates as  
such

Yours truly

Hoover of America

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1940

New York

## Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler

It seems almost impossible to check the madness which is being spread through this unfortunate land by such warmongers as General Pershing.



William Allen White and the leaders of the government, but the effort should be made in the interest of peace, prosperity and security.

The issue is simple. It has been shown that aggressive nations which prepare to attack Adolf Hitler bring down upon themselves the most terrible revenge. It has been shown, too, that no nation may persecute with impunity those among its population who strive to create good relations with the Fuehrer and his comrade in arms, Joseph Stalin. Therefore, it is plain that the only safe policy for the United States is to accept the leadership of the German-American Bund, the German-American National Alliance and the Communist party, which are bravely opposing the efforts of the warmongers to create a great military power.

Those who indulge in the un-American sport of Red-baiting must also be included in the warmongering class, for the patience of Stalin, like that of the German Fuehrer, though great and generous, nevertheless, has its limits, as the plutocratic parasites of Finland learned last winter.

The arrogant rulers of the Finnish people did everything in their power to inflict pain on the brave patriots who sought to promote understanding and closer relations with Russia. The great Russian leader endured the suffering of these loyal friends as long as his heart could stand the pain and finally, from humane motives, went to their rescue with results which the world now knows.

After all, then, who are the real friends of the American people? Are they General Pershing, William Allen White, the President, the international bankers and the war profiteers who are advocating militarism? Or are they the brave but

kindly leaders and members of the Bund, the Alliance and the Communist party who are striving mightily to prevent rearming as proof to Hitler and Stalin that this nation has no intention to attack them?

If we maintain good relations with Hitler and Stalin what need have we of a great army and navy? As long as they are strong they will stand ready to shield the American people, especially from the misrule of the warmongers, and unless we change our course the time will surely come when they will feel compelled to do for us what they did for the people of Poland, for example.

If we maintain good relations with them we may spare ourselves the cost of arming and soldiering, and even of domestic police work, for they have highly efficient detective and strong-arm staffs, some of whom, doubtless, are at work among us already, seeking to prevent the folly of our militaristic leadership.

It is dangerous for us to persecute and discriminate against those great-hearted patriots of the Bund, the Alliance and the Communist party who are loyally opposed to the will of the warmongers. Hitler and Stalin will not like it, and if a reckoning is forced upon them they will liberate us, help us to establish our own government, under their protection, and punish the warmongers for their false leadership.

Meanwhile the patriotic course for true Americans is to refuse to submit to conscription, to resist by every means the effort to rearm, to denounce the warmongers and to bear in mind the fate which befell those European nations which, under the power of the plutocrats and warseekers, interfered with organizations like the Bund, the Alliance and the Communist party in their efforts to conciliate the great peaceful forces of Europe.

Why Hitler and Stalin want to spare us the expense and bother of protecting ourselves we simply haven't the moral purity to understand. Steeped in cynicism and suspicion, we assume that anyone who goes around waving a gun at us intends to do us great bodily harm. Some people are dumb that way.

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Federal Investigation Bureau -  
Washington - D. C.

As a summer resident  
at above address, I frequently  
read The New Haven Evening  
Register, and was shocked  
by the untimely article  
by Westbrook Pegler - which  
I Enclose -

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I have this type of man  
be permitted to write and  
express such principles

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And should the New Haven  
Register publish such Sentiments  
for real Americans to read?

I feel strongly that the  
true Americanism of  
Mr. Rogers should be investigated  
and though we are a country  
of free speech, such writing  
should be kept out of the  
Public Press in these days  
of National Crisis [REDACTED]

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# Fai● Enough

By Westbrook Pegler



Nations Which Wave Guns at  
Us Simply Want to "Protect"  
Our Interests—Therefore U. S.  
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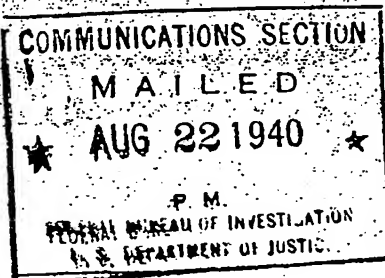
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This is not the first  
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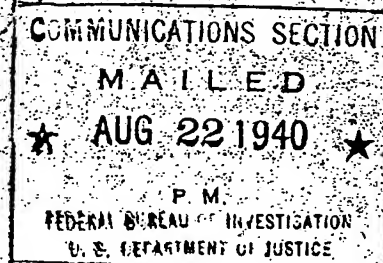
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J Edgar Hoover;  
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Dear Sir:

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What is an unamerican act, iff this is not one. Poisoning the minds of the American people! Holding up Hitler and Stalin as liberators, of oppressed people! Am enclosing the Article. Can nothing be done about it? Iff not then we just might as well, give up to them now! It is enough to make any American worthy of

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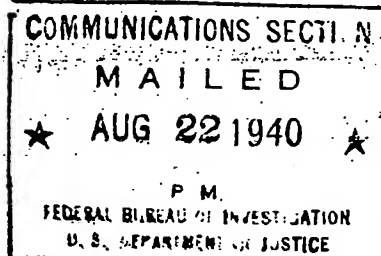
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Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
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Gentlemen:

This article enclosed was clipped from the Des Moines Tribune,  
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As a pro-Nazi propagandist, this article seems tops.

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BY WESTBROOK PEGLER.

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Hitler and Stalin will not like it, and if a reckoning is forced upon them they will liberate us, help us to establish our own government, under their protection, and punish the warmongers for their false leadership.

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Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

This enclosed article  
might be sarcasm. If Trilet  
is not, why should W. Pegler  
enjoy the freedom of our  
country - and our Press?

Yours very sincerely,

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# Fair Enough

—By Westbrook Pegler

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## Example Before Us

MEANWHILE, the patriotic course for true Americans is to refuse to submit to conscription, to resist by every means the effort to rearm, to denounce the warmongers and to bear in mind the fate which befell these European nations which, under the power of the plutocrats and war-seekers, interfered with organizations like the bund, the alliance and the Communist party in their efforts to conciliate the great peaceful forces of Europe.

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Wm. J. Edgar, Jr.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

I am sending you a couple of

news paper clippings that

don't think should be allowed

to be presented to the American

people at this time or any other

time. This paper is printing quite

a lot of stuff now a days that

doesn't sound nice to me.

It reads like German Propaganda

to me.

In my opinion, its just like

Prater says in a way.

If the Germans are not routed and

of this country immediately.

We need to prepare for war.

I think those Congressmen

and Senators that are fighting

against the conversion of

the

and the Real Guard force

should be available for conditioning

against our government.

and also those fellows that are

trying to make it a crime for

Roosevelt to run for a 3rd term

Yours, Really

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Effort Should Be Made  
To Halt Mad Effort  
To Oppose Great Leaders

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The Charleston Gazette, Wednesday, August 14, 1940.

Daily Washington

## Could Avoid Many Costs

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# Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler

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Heil Hitler!!

Dear Brother:

Knowing something of the sacrifices which you are so nobly enduring for the glory of our race, I would be ashamed to be crying



W. Pegler

under the persecutions which the German minority in the United States are forced to suffer. I am not crying, dear brother, for we are strong, and we shall hold out until the hour of deliverance, but I feel that you should know that we, too, in our way, are fighting the

great fight.

The United States, like Poland, Norway, Belgium and The Netherlands, is preparing to attack our dear Germany. Every hour one hears and reads of preparations for war, and it is obvious that these preparations are directed against Germany. Yet, if we do anything to prevent this reckless outrage we are accused of disloyalty, even though we are naturalized Americans and, in our great love for the United States, only want to spare our dear adopted land the terrible and righteous revenge of our fuhrer.

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We are a distinct minority who should have minority rights, and we are organizing to elect to the next American congress only representatives who promise to respect our rights and resist this evil warmongering which goes on all about us.

## Use Language of Enemy

We should like to insist that our representatives in congress be permitted to conduct their debates and write their documents in the German language, for it is an insult to our race that they are now required to express themselves in the language of the enemy—the British swine. However, we are not yet ready to press that point or to insist that our children in the public schools be permitted to have separate classes in which they will not be compelled to associate with such riffraff as Poles, Czechs, Scandinavians and Jews and to learn the detestable gibberish of the English swine.

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## Soldiers Are Laughable

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August 26, 1940

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 14, 1940, together with the enclosure.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

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Kind Two Clippings from  
Times Dispatch at Richmond Va.

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Can you do something  
about getting such dangerous  
sinking advertisement put in the  
news papers or thus stopped.  
I think they are most dangerous  
and in selling to our united states  
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## Westbrook Pegler

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But they will not listen, and we can only suffer and await the day.

Till again, dear brother.

Hell Hitler!

Your brother, Hermann.

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated August 15, 1940, together with its enclosure.

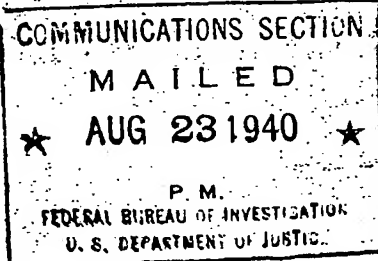
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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_





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CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION

Did you see and read the syndicated article of that columnist, Westbrook Pegler, as it appeared in the Memphis Press-Scimitar for last Tuesday, August 13, 1940 ? ??????

Please, gentlemen, get after that Pegler. There is no room in these grand United States for any ----- like that, who would so deliver us to others!

If he is so much in accord with German and Russian principles, and so approves of killers like Hitler and Stalin.....then drive him out of this country, and let him find "solace" there!!!!!!

Please act immediately.

...A 1000% American,  
and World War Veteran..

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# Iowa Housing League

"Livable Homes for All Iowa"

August 16th, 1940.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear sir:

*W. H. Throckmorton*  
I am sending you a copy of Wednesday's editorial page of the Des Moines Tribune written by Mr. Pegler. It is most interesting and in my opinion, very subversive. He is a regular contributor.

As soon as I have the time, will see if there is not some editorial written by this gentleman regarding the Philadelphia Convention that we have escaped the general attention but which our local paper used. If I can do this, will forward the same to you.

Thanking you, I am,

Very sincerely

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# Who Are America's Real Patriots?

The "Warmongers" Like Pershing or the "Peaceful" Nazis and Communists, Which?

BY WESTBROOK PEGLER.

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## FILMY FINISH.

(Omaha World-Herald.)

A Los Angeles citizen complains that a ghost stole his wife's love. That's always annoying—being beaten by a shade.

## NOW, LET'S SEE.

(Detroit News.)

To settle for all time the question of whether the elephant forgets, let it recite from memory the G.O.P. 1940 platform.

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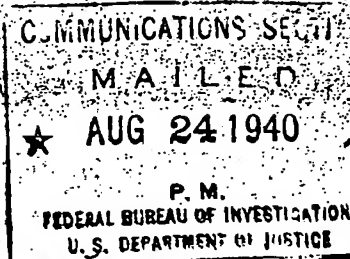
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
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Honorable Sir;

I am taking the opportunity of enclosing a clipping from the Detroit Times that I have just read and it makes my blood boil. This seems to be a case where a man is <sup>not</sup> just exercising his American rights, in free speech, but is pleading and urging our citizenry to oppose the draft, or voluntary enlistment, and, to look to the "Bund" and other fifth column radicals for our security

Papers and radio have both ask the people to report any action of this kind and it seems strange to the common public that such writing can be tolerated by one of our own daily papers, in apparent disregard for law and order.

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## Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler

(The opinions expressed by Mr. Pegler are not necessarily those of The Detroit Times.)

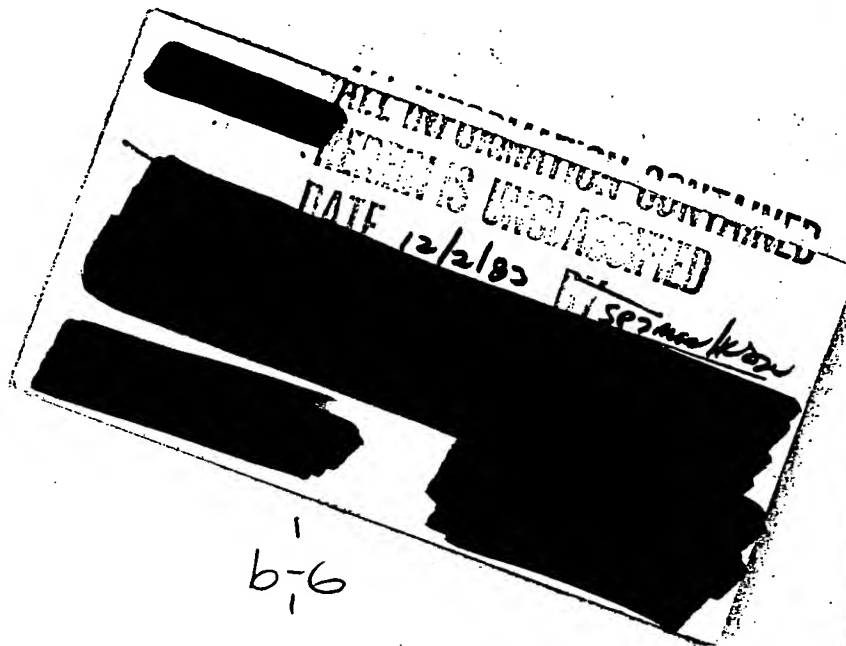
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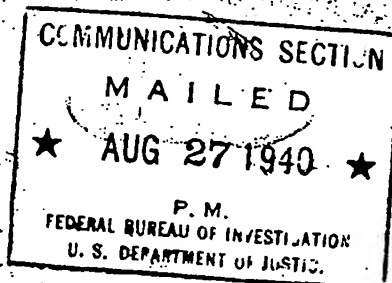
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# Fair Enough

By

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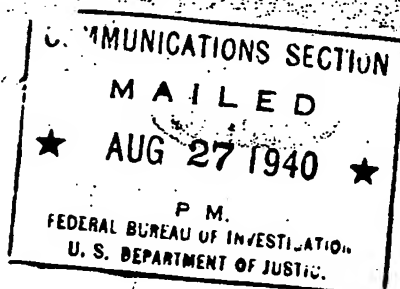
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosing an article that came  
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## FAIR ENOUGH

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Warmongers Here  
Issue Is Simple  
Just Accept Bund

WESTBROOK PEGLER

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## The Weather

(By the U. S. Weather Bureau)

Wichita and vicinity: Partly cloudy Wednesday night and Thursday, widely scattered thunder showers; Thursday not much change in temperature.

Kansas: Partly cloudy Wednesday and Thursday, few scattered thunder showers central and east portion, Thursday not much change in temperature.



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(Additional Weather on Page 16)

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## NAZI BOMBERS HIT MIDLANDS

(Continued from Page 1)

southwest coast, enemy raiders appeared over the northeast areas of England for the first time since the German air force opened its "blitzkrieg" offensive Sunday.

In one raid along the southeast coast, 14 bombers escorted by 20 fighters dropped 20 bombs and flew low enough to machine-gun the streets. The raiders then split into two formations: One was attacked by Spitfires and the other by anti-aircraft.

### Four Shot Down

Eye-witnesses stated that anti-aircraft guns accounted for four of the Germans. Two were destroyed simultaneously when a shell burst between them, blowing off the tail of one and disintegrating the other.

Wildest dog-fights took place above the clouds in a apparently started from one centralized attack in the southeast. Several German planes were reported to have fallen into the sea and at least four on land. Dorniers and Messerschmitts were among the victims.

Three Nazi planes were reported brought down by the R. A. F. in an attack by 12 dive-bombers on a southeast town. Anti-aircraft fire was understood to have so da-

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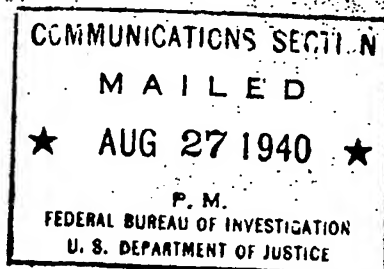
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To - Dear President.  
It must be a law against this rascals Noris  
before it is to late for our country. They divi-  
det already America in "gain" and Lindbergh  
is the future president this doublecrosser. He  
gets secretly orders. Open your eyes!

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# Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler

HERMANN SCHULTZ of Chicago, a fictitious character and a member of the German-American National Alliance, writes to his brother, Emil of Hamburg, Germany, as follows:



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Hell Hitler!!  
Dear Brother:

Knowing something of the sacrifices which you are so nobly enduring for the glory of our race, I would be ashamed to be crying under the persecutions which the German minority in the United States are forced to suffer. I am not crying, dear brother, for we are strong, and we shall hold out until the hour of deliverance, but I feel that you should know that we, too, in our way, are fighting the great fight.

The United States, like Poland, Norway, Belgium and the Netherlands, is preparing to attack our dear Germany. Every hour one hears and reads of preparations for war, and it is obvious that these preparations are directed against Germany. Yet, if we do anything to prevent this reckless outrage we are accused of disloyalty, even though we are naturalized Americans and, in our great love for the United States, only want to spare our dear adopted land the terrible and righteous revenge of our Fuehrer.

Hell Hitler!

## Demands Minority Right

We are a distinct minority who should have minority rights, and we are organizing to elect to the next American congress only representatives who promise to respect our rights and resist this evil warmongering which goes on all about us.

We should like to insist that our representatives in congress be permitted to conduct their debates and write their documents in the German language, for it is an insult to our race that they are now required to express themselves in the language of the enemy—the British swine. However, we are not yet ready to press that point or to insist that our children in the public schools be permitted to have separate classes in which they will not be compelled to associate with such riffraff as Poles, Czechs, Scandinavians and Jews, and to learn the detestable gibberish of the English swine.

For the present we only demand that our adopt-

ed country shall cease the calamitous folly of arming and warmongering, knowing that this will eventually exhaust the generous patience of the Fuehrer and bring his vengeance upon the country.

The warmongers are in the majority, however, and I fear that they will need to be taught a terrible lesson. We have warned them that the Fuehrer will not forgive the cruel inflictions wreaked upon us in order to prevent the creation of a tolerant understanding between the two nations. We tell them that the Fuehrer always comes to the rescue of his minorities and remind them of the awful fate which befell those who persecuted the Sudeten people and the German minority in Poland.

## "Clumsy and Arrogant Swine"

But they are a clumsy and arrogant lot of swine with no skill in war and ludicrous arms; and they are defying us in a most disgusting way. Their soldiers are laughable, and they have no national unity whatever. And every effort that we make to unify them on the pattern invented by our dear Fuehrer and extend to them the marvelous benefits of National Socialism through our little secret organizations is brutally resisted.

They have even put us off the air now, although we only attempted to tell them of the glories of Hitlerism and to turn them from the headlong folly of their warmongering attempt to arouse the Fuehrer's anger. Some of our minority have been dismissed from their jobs for lack of patriotism on the ground that it is necessary to provoke a war with Hitler.

We tell them that it is not necessary for them to become strong, as Hitler will protect America if a reasonable and co-operative attitude is taken. We remind them that he did not harm anyone in Denmark, because Denmark co-operated. We remind them of the fate of Norway, Belgium and the Netherlands, which fell into the power of the warmongers and prepared to attack Hitler.

But they will not listen, and we can only suffer and await the day.

Till again, dear brother.

Hell Hitler!

Your brother, HERMANN.

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## The Formula That Paralyzed Europe



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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION  
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The "Warmongers" Like Pershing or the "Peaceful" Nazis and Communists, Which?

BY WESTBROOK PEGLER.

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## FILMY FINISH.

(Omaha World-Herald.)

A Los Angeles citizen complains that a ghost stole his wife's love. That's always annoying—being beaten by a shade.

## NOW, LET'S SEE.

(Detroit News.)

To settle for all time the question of whether the elephant forgets, let it recite from memory the G.O.P. 1940 platform.

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this regular contacts.  
The men under the  
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which wrote it are more  
to be apprehended."

How does the person  
who signs himself  
Westbrook Joseph Davis  
to write an article like  
this?

Why not he and the  
members of the great-hearts?



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# Trust Der Fuehrer

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land by such warmongers as General Pershing, William Allen White and the leaders of the government, but the effort should be made in the interest of peace, prosperity and security.

The issue is simple. It has been shown that aggressive nations which prepare to attack Adolf Hitler bring down upon themselves the most terrible revenge. It has been shown, too, that no nation may persecute with impunity those among its population who strive to create good relations with the fuehrer and his comrade in arms, Joseph Stalin. Therefore, it is plain that the only safe policy for the United States is to accept the leadership of the German-American bund, the German-American National alliance and the Communist party, which are bravely opposing the efforts of the warmongers to create a great military power.

Those who indulge in the un-American sport of Red-baiting must also be included in the warmongering class, for the patience of Stalin, like that of the German fuehrer, though great and generous, nevertheless has its limits, as the plutocratic parasites of Finland learned last winter.

The arrogant rulers of the Finnish people did everything in their power to inflict pain on the brave patriots who sought to promote understanding and closer relations with Russia. The great Russian leader endured the suffering of these loyal friends as long as his heart could stand the pain and finally, from humane motives, went to their rescue with results which the world now knows.

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brave but kindly leaders and members of the bund, the alliance and the Communist party who are striving mightily to prevent rearming as proof to Hitler and Stalin that this nation has no in-with Hitler and Stalin, what need tention to attack them?

If we maintain good relations have we of a great army and navy? As long as they are strong they will stand ready to shield the American people, especially from the misrule of the warmongers, and unless we change our course the time will surely come when they will feel compelled to do for us what they did for the people of Poland, for example.

If we maintain good relations with them we may spare ourselves the cost of arming and soldiering, and even of domestic police work, for they have highly efficient detective and strong-arm staffs, some of whom, doubtless, are at work among us already, seeking to prevent the folly of our militaristic leadership.

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Meanwhile the patriotic course for true Americans is to refuse to submit to conscription, to resist by every means the effort to rearm, to denounce the warmongers and to bear in mind the fate which befell those European nations which, under the power of the plutocrats and war-seekers, interfered with organizations like the bund, the alliance and the Communist party in their efforts to conciliate the great peaceful forces of Europe.

Why Hitler and Stalin want to spare us the expense and bother of protecting ourselves we simply haven't the moral purity to understand. Steeped in cynicism and suspicion, we assume that anyone who goes around waving a gun at us intends to do us great bodily harm. Some people are dumb that way.

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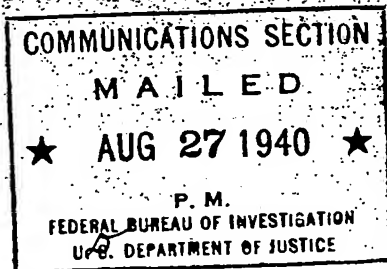
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## WHY NOT TO ARM?

HITLER AND STALIN WILL SAVE OUR SKINS, PEGLER SAYS.

Only Safe Policy for U. S. Is to Cultivate Bund and Reds and Oppose Efforts of Warmongers.

By WESTBROOK PEGLER.

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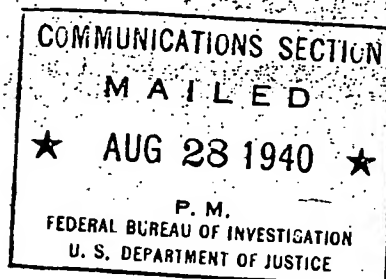
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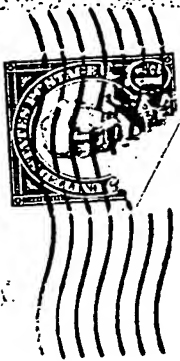
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# Pegler Says: 'Inside' Exposure

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Seated last night at the typewriter, idly tapping the keys, I wondered what would happen to a newspaper publisher who, under the obligations put upon him by the privilege of a free press and in patriotic good faith, decided to investigate an organization which he had reason to suspect of subversive activities or affiliations and, to that end, assigned a reporter to join the group, if that group happened to be the American Newspaper Guild.

Now, this American Newspaper Guild is a detached auxiliary, or transmission belt, of the Communist party and, by all the traditions of American journalism, should be investigated from the inside and exposed to the public in the same manner that the Ku Klux Klan was investigated and exposed by the old World. Yet it enjoys the status of a labor union in the C. I. O., and, under the Wagner act, any employer, in this case a publisher, who assigns a man to join it and reveal its secrets in the public interest would surely be convicted of unfair labor practice. He probably would have young Bob La Follette all over him for anti-labor espionage as well.



Pegler

## Ex-Members Wouldn't Tell

The man for this task would have to be a non-member, and he would have to join with his fingers crossed for the purpose of obtaining evidence on the communistic leadership, control and policies of the Guild. There are plenty of ex-members around who remember speeches and incidents in Guild meetings which would bear on the secret sub-

ject, but, unlike the Communists, who are always blabbing in print for a little money the confidences which they received in party meetings, these non-Communist ex-members wouldn't tell.

Still, it is a duty of the American free press to expose the inner workings of organizations which operate under the protection of American law in the interests of foreign conspirators, and here we have a case in which a publisher would be severely punished by his own government for doing his professional and patriotic duty.

The Communist bosses of the Guild deny that they are Communists, but, of course, they would, and their denials are just so much sky-writing.

## Reporter Would Have Problem

A real expose would require diligent, intelligent work by a good newspaper reporter who would take plenty of notes and spend a lot of time lushing around with the Muscovites so as to win their confidence and back up his revelations with their conspiratorial small talk.

The reporter himself would have a problem, too, because the Guild naturally would insist that he had no right to cross his fingers and would blackball him from all future employment in the business as a traitor.

The publisher would get his lumps for making the assignment, and the reporter would get his for performing a legitimate and patriotic mission.

There are several other C. I. O. unions dominated by Communists which should be similarly investigated, and the same legal and extralegal or illegal protection runs for them, but I am confining my discussion to the Newspaper Guild, because here is a Stalinist conspiracy tunneling away under the foundations of our building, and our own government would give us hell if we should send a man down to find out what goes on.

## Communists in Key Industries, Says Dies

By Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 23.—

Chairman Dies of the House committee investigating un-American activities said in a statement tonight 40 leaders of the Communist Party hold key positions in Missouri and Kansas industries vital to national defense.

He added he had definite proof that four members of the Communist Party were nominated in recent primaries of both the Republican and Democratic parties in Missouri and Kansas.

Among reports of sabotage, he said, was the blowing up of a power line in Kansas, allegedly under orders of the Communist Party. The statement did not give the locale of the incident.

The Texan issued the statement after hearing confidential testimony in a hotel suite this afternoon. He will leave for New York tomorrow night.

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# KNOX REVIEWS 5TH COLUMN ACTIONS

By FRANK KNOX  
Secretary of the Navy

The articles by Col. William J. Donovan and Edgar Mowrer which have appeared in the press of America have served, in my judgment, a highly useful purpose. Their frank purpose was in forewarning and thus fore-arming the American people against a subtle form of attack successfully used elsewhere by the totalitarian powers. Unpreparedness, surprise, then delay and finally panic are the essential features of this new form of attack. Summarizing, the purposes of such propaganda are to accomplish the following objectives:

First, to create confusion of thought, suspicion and dissension among the masses in order to weaken their morale and lower the stamina of the people.

Secondly, to incite jealousy and antagonism between different classes of society, as well as between various political, racial, and religious groups. This is an effective means of weakening a country, by disrupting its unity of purpose and action.

## RETARD DEFENSE

Third, to retard any effective preparation for defense. In all the conquered countries of Europe, the pacifists were stimulated to the utmost activity. Prominent officials and politicians, who were conscientious pacifists, were induced to use their influence against large scale armament. Church dignitaries were covertly worked upon on similar grounds to express publicly their disapproval. The radical labor element was secretly urged to oppose the plans of the government for enlisting them in any war. In France, labor's sabotage of the armament program was a factor in that country's lack of essential equipment. Such activities were carried on at the very time when the Nazis were driving the working people of Germany to the limit of their strength to create those implements of war with which she conquered France. Now those same French workmen who listened to fifth column agitation against their former government, have been ordered to work 56 hours a week with no extra pay for overtime, and this is just the beginning of Nazi rule in France.

Fourth, the fear of radicalism so prevalent among the rich and the

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Month ago .....	56.1	102.8	96.4	37.5
Year ago .....	54.5	98.6	95.8	55.8
1940 high .....	59.9	103.6	97.5	53.8
1940 low .....	48.3	98.9	90.3	35.1
1939 high .....	64.9	102.0	97.5	64.0
1939 low .....	53.4	95.8	90.4	41.7

Ten low-yield bonds: Friday 111.4,  
previous day 111.3, month ago 111.3,  
year ago 110.8, 1940 high 113.2, 1940  
low 108.4, 1939 high 112.6, 1939 low  
103.6.

#### FLAX CLOSE.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 23.—(INS)—  
Flax close: September, \$1.42½; De-  
cember, \$1.43½; May, \$1.47¼; track  
and arrival, \$1.43½.  
Duluth—September, \$1.43¼; track  
and arrival, \$1.46¼.  
Winnipeg—October, \$1.33½-b; De-  
cember, \$1.31¼-b; May, \$1.36s; track,  
\$1.32¼; arrival, \$1.08¼ @ 1.33.

## Livestock

### SAN ANTONIO LIVESTOCK.

(Federal-State Market News Service).  
Hogs: Estimated salable and total  
receipts 100. Early market active,  
mostly 20c higher than Thursday.  
Early top \$6.60, paid for most good  
and choice 180 to 250 pounds. Best  
140 to 180 pounds \$5.50 to \$6.50, 250  
to 300 pounds \$6.25 to \$6.60. Good  
packing sows \$5 to \$5.50. Feeder pigs  
scarce, quotable \$4.75 down.  
Cattle: Estimated salable receipts  
100, total 200; calves, salable and total  
100. Fairly active and about steady  
market on the light clean-up trade on  
most classes.  
Common and medium yearlings sold  
around \$5.50 to \$8, odd head good  
yearlings scaling 585 pounds \$8.75  
Canner and cutter cows mostly \$3 to  
\$4.50, odd head shelly kinds as low as  
\$2.50. Medium to good cows \$5 to  
\$5.50. Bulls mostly common and me-  
dium kinds sold from \$4.65 to \$5.25.  
Odd and small lots of common and  
medium calves \$6 to \$7.75, culls down  
to \$4.50, good calves scarce, odd head  
\$8. Common and medium stocker  
calves \$6.65 to \$8, odd head steer  
calves to \$9.  
Sheep: Estimated salable and total  
receipts 300. Market fairly active and  
about steady. A string of around 68  
pound spring lambs \$7.25, some 56  
pounds out at \$7. Thin wethers \$2.50.

### FORT WORTH LIVESTOCK

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USDA)—Cattle, salable and total, 1300:  
calves salable and total, 800; market:  
all classes active and fully steady; five  
loads cake-on-grass steers, \$7.35 @ 8.35;  
few common yearlings, \$6.00 @  
mon and medium yearlings, \$4.50 @ 5.50;  
8.50; low grade heifers, \$9; load long  
load good fed heifers, \$9; load cows, \$4.50  
yearling steers, \$9.50; beef cows, \$4.50  
@ 6.25; canners and cutters, \$2.75 @  
4.25; bulls, \$4.25 @ 6.00; slaughter  
calves largely \$5.50 @ 8.50; few, \$8.75;  
culls down to \$4.25; good stock steer  
calves, \$9.00 @ 9.50; most stock heifer  
calves, \$8.50 down; yearling stock  
steers, \$6.00 @ 8.25.  
Hogs, salable, 1000: total, 1100:  
opened 5c higher; but most sales, 15c  
20c higher than Thursday's average;  
top, \$7.15; most good and choice 175-  
270 pounds, \$7.10 @ 7.15; good and  
choice 150-170 pounds, \$6.40 @ 7.05;  
stocker pigs, \$4.25 down; packing sows  
steady, \$5.75 @ 6.25.  
Sheep, salable, 500: total, 1100:  
spring lambs strong to 20c higher;  
yearlings steady; other classes scarce;  
sales and bids on spring lambs \$7.25  
some held higher; yearlings,  
some held \$1.50.



## A STORY OF THE INVASION OF AMERICA

# LIGHTNING IN THE NIGHT

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with the advice and counsel of Lieutenant General Robert Lee Bullard,  
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Eleven years ago, when the name of Adolf Hitler was little known even in Austria and Germany, Floyd Gibbons pictured for Liberty in his novel, *The Red Napoleon*, a future invasion of America by a wholly imaginary Mongol Tatar dictator. Many a reader remembers that very striking work of fiction; often Liberty is asked to publish it again. But in the face of present world conditions it would seem as mild as it now is "dated." No longer need an author invent a would-be world conqueror; every child knows where a real one is to be found. Hence *Lightning in the Night*, in which Liberty—in the interests of realism, patriotism, and faith, in this hour when America is arming—presents a modern, fact-facing successor to *The Red Napoleon*.

Last week Edward Hope, in a graphic prologue, indicated what may happen from next month until well on toward 1945. In future front-page news columns, scraps of broadcasts, and the like, he envisioned a yielding of the British home fleet to a victorious Nazi Reich; a dismemberment of the British Empire; German appropriation of conquered countries' New World colonies; German coups in South America; and an ominous Nazi revolution in Mexico. Now, in the year 1945, *Lightning in the Night* itself begins.

### PART ONE—THE PRISONER OF CORVO

"... I would spring like lightning in the night and hurl myself on the enemy."—ADOLF HITLER in a speech before the German Girls' League.

IT was on such days as this, when an angry sea whipped the sheer volcanic sides of the little island and the rain lashed dismally from brooding skies, that the old wounds bothered him most.

He could no longer remember the day on which he had received those wounds; that winter day on the Alpine front in 1917 when the trench mortar he was firing had exploded, killing five of his comrades, spraying forty-two splinters of jagged steel

There were so many things he could no longer remember clearly.

Son of a blacksmith, he shrugged broad strong shoulders against the dull aches in calves and thighs and back. He hitched forward in his chair and cupped his huge fine head in his hands. His dark eyes stared dully, vacantly, into the fireplace.

At a table near the door sat the young guard. He was tall and strong and hard of face. He had unbuttoned the collar of his field-gray uniform.

As he cleaned his pistol he hummed the Horst Wessel song. But his heart was not in it. Back home was a girl. A tall blonde girl. A healthy girl with a big fine bosom. And for three months more, until they sent fresh guards, he must rot on this God-forsaken island in the Atlantic where now, since the war, no ships called. It was enough to drive a man mad.

He held his pistol up and looked through its gleaming barrel. The older man took his head out of his hands and said: "What day is it?"

The question brought surliness to the face of the young guard. "Must you keep asking that?" he said. "It makes no difference to you."

"What day is it?"

"Thursday."

"The year? What year is it?"

"Nineteen forty-five. Third year of the Greater United German Reich. Heil Hitler!"

At the name a sudden gleam lighted the older man's eyes. It flickered out, and again he stared into the fireplace. The young guard went on cleaning his already clean gun.

The rain stopped and the skies

cleared late that afternoon. The guard went to the window. He grinned. He consulted his watch.

"It is time," he said.

"Time?"

"The people wait."

The older man's eyes grew bright and his shoulders straightened. As he got to his feet, listlessness dropped from him. He put on a tunic over his black shirt. He fastened his belt. He hurried up the staircase to a second floor room. At the door to its tiny outside balcony, he halted, gave his tunic a final pat, pushed out his chest.

The tall young guard swung open the door, clicked his heels, offered a sharp, mocking military salute. It was nonsense; this daily horseplay, but it relieved the hideous monotony.

The black-shirted man strode out on the balcony. He looked down gravely at his "audience."

On all the island of Corvo there were not more than nine hundred persons. A dozen of them were gathered now to hear this man—this stranger they called "Papa Napoleon." Some had brought with them their diminutive, waist-high native cows. All of them were barefooted.

For one terrifying second bewilderedly clutched at the man on the balcony. Then out of the deep well of memory flowed brave words and phrases. He rested his hands on the balcony railing and began to speak:

"Soldiers of the land, sea, and air! We are entering the battlefield against the plutocratic, reactionary democracies of the West."

He leaned forward, his right hand gesticulating, pointing.

"This gigantic conflict is only a phase of our revolution. It is the conflict of poor, numerous peoples who labor against starvers who ferociously cling to a monopoly of all riches

Here it is!—Liberty's  
startling successor to

## By GENE TUNNEY

A champion of yesterday  
strike a forthright blow  
at a strange phenomenon  
in the America of today

I felt that boxing was a source of benefit to youth, that it promoted ideals of bravery, gameness, sportsmanship. I could not have been proud of my profession unless I had thought so.

It soon became apparent that the American Youth Congress was in the clutch of the Red sharpers. They were at their customary tactics—getting inside an idealistic organization and sneaking their way into control. There were patriotic elements in the A. Y. C. that fought against the dominance of an alienism. Some got out. Some were expelled. Others stayed in, hoping to break the Red strangle hold. One group asked me for assistance. I did what I could.

This year a score of young protagonists of Americanism, headed by Murray Plavner, went to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, in a final effort against Stalin's agents. They suggested that I address the A. Y. C. in behalf of Americanism. I went to Lake Geneva, and there observed the blackballing of the patriotic group. The Red-controlled convention refused to admit the anti-Communist delegates. The A. Y. C. comrades thereupon invited me to address them. I refused. I much preferred the real Americans, who proceeded to form a seceding youth group dedicated to the ideals of our country. In this they are doing a thing that is badly needed.

The A. Y. C.—an aggregation of blatant, bombastic, irreverent, whining crybabies and potential parasites—is headed for oblivion. It is exposed as the poisonous, festering carrion that it is. The name American Youth Congress had a patriotic and ro-

groups of youths who believe in labels. Unfortunately, there are a great number of young Americans, genuinely patriotic, who are attracted by shadow and never investigate substance. They are the dupes whom the scheming Communists have attracted and held in the A. Y. C. But even these deluded groups gave indications during the Lake Geneva conference that they were becoming aware that their only use was to provide a front and register their votes in accordance with the instructions of the leaders, which are always along the party line.

The non-Communist delegates did not exceed twenty per cent of the Congress. One of them introduced at the final session on Sunday a resolution condemning Soviet Russia as a dictatorship and linking it with Nazi Germany, Franco's Spain, Japan, and Italy as a destroyer of the civil liberties of citizens. This was overwhelmingly defeated. The resolution didn't get ten votes. Anything introduced that touched on Communism was determined in strict accordance with the party line.

There were a few highly articulate members representing labor organizations who, though not Communists, voted along with them. One of these claims to be a conforming religionist. He said he was staying in the Congress because he wanted to exert his influence for a reasonable amount of liberalism. He said he could do more good inside the organization than outside. This, of course, was juvenile reasoning, but it was typical of a number of delegates and their prominent sponsors.

If they had had any experience with the workings and methods of Communism, they must have realized how utterly futile their efforts were.

A Communist organization never changes its ideology. Individuals do, but they must get out of it. There were several former A. Y. C. members on the fringes of the convention, but their credentials were rejected.

They could not swallow the Stalin-Hitler partnership. They will never be allowed in the councils again, and will live under the Communistic stigmas of "fink" and "squealer."

The name American Youth Congress does have a romantic ring, and the little brothers and sisters try to live up to its romanticism. One youthful officer, I am informed, has found his way to the justice of the peace a couple of times. Twice wedded, he maintains a dynamic juvenility rather too indiscriminate to be legal. Alas, however, most of the leaders are getting that middle-aged pudgy look. The most ubiquitous "youth" of the outfit has been consulting a Hollywood beautician for the purpose of correcting what the doctors call "middle-age facial relaxation." It makes him

makes a career of youth, one must look the part.

The atmosphere at the recent convention was anything but American. The whinings, moanings, and mouthings of these pampered and petted seditionists reminded one of the ragamuffins with their hands extended, asking "Baksheesh! Baksheesh!" along the Nile.

Only, instead of being "Baksheesh!" it was—and is—"Money!" "Jobs!" "Security!"

Money from whom? Money from the government, which is another way of saying from taxpayers and fellow citizens. They want the government to give them jobs. But in their final resolutions they declared themselves opposed to working more than thirty hours a week. They specified that the work must not have anything to do with militarism. That is, it must not help our national defense.

They resolved that CCC camps for unemployed boys must not be militarized in any way. The manual of arms must not be taught. Oh, no; for this would strengthen our national defense. Finally, they notified the State Department that there must be no militarism applied to our relationships with our South American neighbors, and that there must be a cessation of our "dollar diplomacy" in South America.

To a normal American this seems incredible. Yet it is all a part of the record. The newspapers were full of A. Y. C. resolutions and the radio broadcast them.

THE American Youth Congress is as forthright as a corkscrew, as patriotic as a mess of termites. The creatures of which it consists are like little children who, having learned to lie, won't tell the truth. Having learned to cry "gimme," they won't change the tune.

At each convention they reach new heights in irreverence. They respect no institution or person beyond Communism and Stalin. In their February conference in Washington they booed and jeered the President of the United States during his talk to them. At Lake Geneva in their final resolutions they laid the law down to the State Department and to the Department of Justice. They presumed to dictate to the War and Navy Departments, to Congress, to the executive and judicial branches.

The institution of democracy itself, they feel, is antiquated. It is of service, since it guarantees them civil liberties, and through the exercise of these civil liberties they expect to destroy democracy itself.

This outfit is discredited. If left to their own devices, the fake youths will presumably disband, disappear. It is to be hoped that they will. It would be tragic to think of this youth fraud remaining as a unit. It is un-American, unpatriotic, subversive and seditious, and it must go.



"Y'see, Silas cleaned up in a stud game—won a couple, three hundred. Gold, it was. Somebody laid for him, slugged him, and took his poke. The guy didn't hit Silas hard enough, 'cause we heard him yellin' for help. The guy stabbed him, and Silas started screamin'. Maybe you heard him, ma'am. It was pretty loud . . ."

It was the scream, then, that had awakened Mary. Her nod was mechanical, jerky.

"Well, a bunch of us got there quick, and we seen the murderer runnin' this way. We took a shot at him, but he got clear. He come into this camp and disappeared. Likely he's in one of these tents. Mind you, we ain't accusin' your man. We're just askin'. Has he been here all the time?"

The crowd was silent, a dark mass, a battery of eyes. Mary faced them numbly. Her mind was a confused jumble of impressions. Uppermost was the memory of Clyde's face of a moment ago—his knife, his threat. He was standing a pace behind her. The wagon was to his left, and a stride or two would take him to the children. Mary's voice seemed oddly remote.

"He's been here—at least an hour . . ."

Clyde Van Dorn let go his breath. "Thank you, ma'am," Vogan said. "Good night to you."

Clyde drew Mary into the tent. She heard Frank Vogan's voice rise in sharp anger. "If she says he was there, he was! She ain't a woman to lie. Let's see about Smedly."

Mary said: "You killed him—"  
Clyde slapped a quick hand across her mouth, held it there, gagging her. The crowd moved on, and presently it was a faint murmur at another tent. Clyde pushed Mary away. She stared at him, her mouth distorted.

She said again, "You killed him!"  
Angrily he thrust his hand in his pocket, brought it out filled with minted gold. "Sure!" His voice was hoarse. "He yelled and I had to! And there's his money. I took it and threw the poke away. Damn you, it's your fault! You drove me to it!"

"That's a lie!" Mary breathed. "You'll hang!"

"No, I won't." He caught her by the shoulders, his fingers almost tearing the flesh. "You're the only one that knows, and you won't tell. D'you hear? Because, if you do, I'll kill those kids before I die—if I have to fight the camp to get to them!"

"You're trying to scare me." Mary's voice was a dry whisper. "You needn't. I won't risk the children. I won't have to. There's blood on your hands, and that will betray you. That and your dirty greed!"

"I'll risk those," Clyde said.

"Then let me go. I'll sleep in the wagon."

Clyde laughed. "Pleasant dreams."

**T**HE morning sun was full up when Mary slipped out of the wagon and went to the tent. She pushed at the flaps, listening to the slow sound of the wind. Then, quietly . . .

Clyde's dark head was buried in the pillow. Mary picked a careful way to a clothes chest opposite the bed. She raised the lid and bent over the chest, fumbling deep inside.

Clyde said, "So that's the bank, eh?"

He was beside her even as she turned, pulling her back and away from the chest, saying, "You wouldn't be sneakin' around if you weren't up to something." He twisted her hand up and pried the clenched fingers open to disclose the poke she held.

"Ah!" he said softly. "I was right."

"I warn you," said Mary. "You'll wish you hadn't!"

He laughed and shook the gold pieces into his palm. "Fifty dollars. Not much, but with what I've got it



"Just as I feared, Joe, Plainsville beat Bridgeport 4 to 3!"

makes a fair stake. Now, get out of here. I got to dress."

When he had finished breakfast he went down the trail, whistling lightly.

Murder, Mary thought, rests easy on his mind.

Tuck's voice broke excitedly from the wagon. "Ma, look! The belt old Silas give you is broke. The beads is all gone. All of 'em, ma!"

Mary looked at her hand. The thumb was swollen, scarred by the marks of a needle. "I used the beads last night," she said—and her voice broke on a low sob. "May God say they went for a good cause!"

The poke was a comfortable weight in Clyde Van Dorn's pocket as he walked. The money belt, thick-packed with old Rummel's gold, was snug at his waist. He wouldn't touch that; not today. He'd spend the fifty dollars he'd got from Mary first.

St. Joseph was alive with talk of the killing. Men had gathered in tight groups on the walks, along the dim length of the saloon bar. Clyde saw Frank Vogan there. With him were two of the men who had helped search the camp.

Clyde walked toward them.

"Any luck?" he asked easily.

Frank Vogan said, "Not any."

A tall man lifted his sharp face. "There's a man that needs hangin'. He won't last a minute if we find him."

Clyde said, "Is there any way I can help?"

"Not unless you got him in your pocket," said the tall man. "Decent of you to ask, though. After the way we pulled you out of bed last night."

Clyde smiled. "I hold no grudge about that. Let's have a drink."

"Don't mind if I do."

They turned, facing inward to the bar. Clyde got the poke from his pocket, thumped it on the shining wood. The bartender brought a bottle and glasses.

Clyde said, "Help yourselves, gentlemen."

"Thank you kindly," said the tall man.

"S. R.," said Frank Vogan. "Silas Rummel."

The tall man swore in astonishment. The bottle jerked in his hand and liquor sloshed across the bar-top to darken the soft leather of the poke Clyde had dropped there. An elaborate poke which bore two letters made of Indian beads.

"His!" the tall man said. "Silas Rummel's!"

Frank Vogan's voice was curiously flat and cold. "And he was proud of it. Many's the time he told me how a Pawnee squaw made that poke for him." His hand closed on Clyde's arm. "You're handy with a knife, too. I'd give odds you had it at your woman's back last night, so's to make her lie for you."

"That's her poke," Clyde protested. "She—she tricked me!"

Harshly the tall man said, "Search him!"

"If we find Rummel's gold," said Vogan, "then—"

He caught at Clyde's waist, ripping his shirt wide to disclose the thick-packed money belt. He said, "Now we've got it!" And cold panic welled up in Clyde. He yanked his arm free of Vogan's grasp. He was lunging away from the bar when a fist smashed him high on the cheek, spun him backward into waiting arms. The crowd had thickened now. There were many men—bleak, quiet men—closing in around him. Clyde tried to scream, but no sound came.

**S**T. JOSEPH was behind and the river was behind. For nine days the wagons of the Wagner Company had rolled westward on the trail. The noontime halt was but an hour away now. As Mary kept pace with her plodding oxen, she wondered what to fix for Jeff Hazen's dinner.

From the wagon seat, Sara called, "Here he comes, ma!" Her eyes shone. "Jeff's comin'!"

Mary said, "Hush, dear."

But Sara slipped down from the seat and ran to her mother's side. "Everything's going to be all right now, ain't it, ma? Jeff'll take care of us, won't he?"

"Yes, dear," said Mary softly. "Jeff will take care of us." And she was smiling as she looked up to face the brown and laughing man who came toward them.

J. Edgar Hoover

# YOUTH CONGRESS AND THE COMMUNISTIC BUNCH

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**T**HIS year the American Youth Congress held what was, let us hope, its last convention. On doings of the preposterous gathering at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, I can report firsthand. I figured as the focus of some characteristic A. Y. C. dramatics. I had a part in a futile attempt to shake the Communist control of the outfit. There were speeches, resolutions, voting, prattling, mouthing, conniving. The result of it all was to convince me finally and forever that the American Youth Congress is a tentacle of Communism and can never be anything else. It is Red and will stay unalterably Red.

The babbling of the juvenile and not so juvenile Commies recalled to me rather sickeningly an experience nine years before. In 1931 I made a trip to Soviet Russia. I wanted to see Communism at first hand. The world depression was on, was in a downward spiral. Some people were predicting a complete revolution. About that time I read Maurice Hindus' book, *Humanity Uprooted*. He drew a beautiful and hopeful picture of Soviet Russia and of the progress of its people during thirteen years of Communism. So I went to see the Red Utopia.

What I witnessed during the short time I was there was enough to decide me for all time about the practical workings of Communism. Human beings brought up in the countries of our Western civilization, no matter how commonplace or simple their lives may be, cannot conceive of the actual conditions in Soviet Russia. They cannot imagine the wretchedness of the lives of the people—everybody except the commis-

bed of roses on which the commissars lie is not without its thorns. They live in a nightmare of the spy system and political envy. They have a complete consciousness that there is no one in Soviet Russia that can be trusted. No Russian feels he has a trustworthy friend. The people work for five days, and stand in line on the sixth—which is supposed to be their day off. They stand endlessly in line to get the most meager supplies of the necessities of life. I saw them in rags—the old, the young. Many were wearing burlap in place of shoes. Even burlap was hard to get. However, the military were all well shod, well dressed, and well fed.

I visited a smelting plant outside Moscow. In the yard was an immense pile of metals, nearly all taken from churches. There were bells, candelabra, trimmings of icons, crucifixes. The pile was fifty or sixty feet in height. I stood gazing, and on the top I noticed an object that looked like a man lying down, sleeping. I asked the Russian foreman about it.

"Oh, that?" he laughed.

He ran up to the top of the pile. There he kicked the prone figure—shoved it violently with his boot. It rolled down the pile of metal and fell almost at my feet. It was a beautifully modeled life-size Christ in bronze. The foreman came back. He said, "The churches took money from the people to buy these things. We are now taking these things back from the churches."

"What do you make of this metal?" I asked.

"Shells and bullets," he replied.

The Soviets neither revere nor re-

The year following my visit, 1932 the Kremlin gang with their well-fed and adequately clothed soldiers went down to the Ukraine to discipline the peasant farmers for refusing to obey the official order to collectivize. They killed and coerced. They emptied cellars and bins of food, and left the population to starve. It is estimated that between three and five million people starved to death, though that year there was a wheat surplus of one hundred fifty million bushels, more than enough to have saved every life. No communication with the stricken area was allowed the outside world. When Stalin disciplines, he disciplines even to the extent of causing the greatest famine in history.

I never thought that I would live to see the day that any group of the great nation of ours under the G. O. P. of free men would applaud such a human villainy. This nation of noble fathers and noble sons, who have always sympathized with the underdog and admired the noble death, must feel pretty sad that a wretched clique of Communist applauders call themselves Americans.

However, Soviet agents, though they know the facts of Soviet conditions, never disclose them to their prospective dupes. In a liberal, beautiful country like this, they must misrepresent them.

I first heard of the American Youth Congress some six years ago—the time when it was launched. I was perhaps more interested than most. I felt I owed a distinct debt to youth. I had made my way in the world as a boxer, and was only too well aware how much boxing owed to the young—to the interest that

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
In the last year - in Lancaster  
Ohio there has been a young  
doctor to the town - I had people that  
quite understood it as Lancaster  
is a small town & has plenty  
of doctors. He is a kind of  
mystery man. and seems to  
be working among the labor-  
ing class - & perhaps I don't know  
his name. But a friend of mine  
passing through Chicago who  
had been visiting in Lancaster  
told me about it & as she met  
many people while there.  
He said they felt he wasn't

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# A LETTER TO GERMANY

## Pegler Writes for 'Hermann Schultz'

BY WESTBROOK PEGLER.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—Hermann Schultz of Chicago, a fictitious character and a member of the German-American National Alliance, writes to his brother, Emil, of Hamburg, Germany, as follows:

Heil Hitler!!

Dear Brother:

Knowing something of the sacrifices which you are so nobly enduring for the glory of our race, I would be ashamed to be crying under the persecutions which the German minority in the United States are forced to suffer. I am not crying, dear brother, for we are strong, and we shall hold out until the hour of deliverance, but I feel that you should know that we, too, in our way, are fighting the great fight.

The United States, like Poland, Norway, Belgium and the Netherlands, is preparing to attack our dear Germany. Every hour one hears and reads of preparations for



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war, and it is obvious that these preparations are directed against Germany. Yet, if we do anything to prevent this reckless outrage, we are accused of disloyalty, even though we are naturalized Americans and, in our great love for the United States, only want to spare our dear adopted land the terrible and righteous revenge of our Fuehrer.

Heil Hitler!

### Organizing for Election.

We are a distinct minority who should have minority rights, and we are organizing to elect to the next American Congress only representatives who promise to respect our rights and resist this evil warmongering which goes on all about us.

We should like to insist that our representatives in Congress be permitted to conduct their debates and write their documents in the German language, for it is an insult to our race that they are now required to express themselves in the language of the enemy—the British swine. However, we are not yet ready to press that point or to insist that our children in the public schools be permitted to have separate classes in which they will not

be compelled to associate with such riffraff as Poles, Czechs, Scandinavians and Jews and to learn the detestable gibberish of the English swine.

For the present we only demand that our adopted country shall cease the calamitous folly of arming and warmongering, knowing that this will eventually exhaust the generous patience of the Fuehrer and bring his vengeance upon the country.

### Need Terrible Lesson.

The warmongers are in the majority, however, and I fear that they will need to be taught a terrible lesson. We have warned them that the Fuehrer will not forgive the cruel inflictions wreaked upon us in order to prevent the creation of a tolerant understanding between the two nations. We tell them that the Fuehrer always comes to the rescue of his minorities and remind them of the awful fate which befell those who persecuted the Sudeten people and the German minority in Poland.

But they are a clumsy and arrogant lot of swine, with no skill in war and ludicrous arms, and they are defying us in a most disgusting way. Their soldiers are laughable, and they have no national unity whatever. And every effort that we make to unify them on the pattern invented by our dear Fuehrer and extend to them the marvelous benefits of National Socialism through our little secret organizations is brutally resisted.

### Off the Air Now.

They have even put us off the air now, although we only attempted to tell them of the glories of Hitlerism and to turn them from the headlong folly of their warmongering attempt to arouse the Fuehrer's anger. Some of our minority have been dismissed from their jobs for lack of patriotism on the ground that it is necessary to provoke a war with Hitler.

We tell them that it is not necessary for them to become strong, as Hitler will protect America if a reasonable and co-operative attitude is taken. We remind them that he did not harm anyone in Denmark, because Denmark co-operated. We remind them of the fate of Norway, Belgium and the Netherlands, which fell into the power of the warmongers and prepared to attack Hitler.

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Mr Edgar Moore, #129 agt

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Richmond, Va written by Westbrook Pegler  
of Aug 12 1940 & Aug 14 1940. Now it seems  
that you have not been able to stop  
him: writing and seeing to the New  
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enclose here in a clipping from the  
Danville Register Danville Va of  
Sept 10 1940. Will you please read it  
carefully and then send it before  
our United States attorney.

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## HOTEL DANVILLE

DANVILLE, VA.

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President Franklin D. Roosevelt  
and our government. I learn from  
one of the men who works ~~for~~  
for the Danville Register that the  
Man Westbrook Reglon lives in  
New York N.Y. Trusting I hear  
from you soon

Yours very truly

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## — WESTBROOK PEGLER —

The effects of the trade of destroyers with Britain and of the military protectorate over Canada may be desirable, but the manner of putting across these deals was so shystersque that only a nation already reconciled to cunning and mocking dishonesty would accept them without protest. There will be no protest worth President Roosevelt's notice, because the people long ago wearily abandoned principle and surrendered to the what-the-hell philosophy, which holds that any crookedness short of downright criminality is all right if it is clever and if it produces results. This attitude of resignation is the result of constant attacks on the morals of the country—first on one front, then on another—ranging in magnitude from a petty but scandalous deal in faked philatelic rarities to the advantage of a few individuals who knew very well what they were doing, to a plain, defiant violation of law and the Constitution in which the Attorney General of the United States delivered a leering insult to Truth.



It will be noticed that most of the comment on the destroyer trade recognizes the dishonesty of the transaction but accepts the results and justifies it on the ground of necessity. The spirit of the trade was the spirit of Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin and, incidentally, of the New Deal, and, worse luck, the prevailing spirit of the citizens of the United States.

Wendell Willkie's puny protests will be laughed off by a people who have lost their respect for honest dealing and all but repudiated Congress as a branch of the government. Not only is Willkie making no energetic campaign as yet, but the President, with the advantage of the initiative and his reckless effrontery, is smothering him with the dust of exciting actions.

It is pathetic that the candidate of the only party of opposition can be brushed off with a raucous taunt about his street address and that his little plea for the Constitution should be derided as the whine of a confused and outclassed challenger. But that is how it is, and we are well on our way.

The crookedness to which the American character has adjusted itself in the years since 1932 has been exemplified no more shockingly than in the Chicago convention of the Social Democrats, in which the Kelly and Hague mobs of civic corruptioneers collaborated with the sanctimonious fakers detailed by the President to run the debauch. This alliance showed up the cynicism of the New Deal bosses and was thoroughly exposed at the time, but the people took it with a grin and went looking for reasons to suspect Willkie.

This acceptance marks a great change since 1932 and 1933, when popular indignation ran high, as the lynching stories used to say, against the cheats and burglars of finance. Up to that time the Americans still had the will and the morals to resent crookedness, but steady pressure since then has reduced them to a state of acquiescence.

The appointment of a member of a gang of masked, night-riding terrorists to the Supreme Court was an important test in the campaign to corrupt the people, and since then the going has been fairly easy. It used to be said that the Constitution was whatever the Supreme Court said it was, but if that ever was true it isn't any more. Today the Constitution is what the Attorney General says it is, and the President will tell him what to say.

The dealings of Jimmy and Elliott Roosevelt, the exploitation of office for financial gain, the amazingly bold program of petty larceny nepotism in Washington, the corruption of the ballot by bribery with taxes and borrowed money, the bland repudiation of every promise on which the New Deal first was elected and the swelling arrogance of the embittered failures named to power in Washington all have combined to soften up the American people for the knockout. Given another mandate in November, the New Deal will really go to town, and the Constitution will be rewritten into pig-latin and double-talk.

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Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated September 17, 1940, and the enclosed newspaper clipping. I wish to express my appreciation for your interest in again writing to this Bureau.

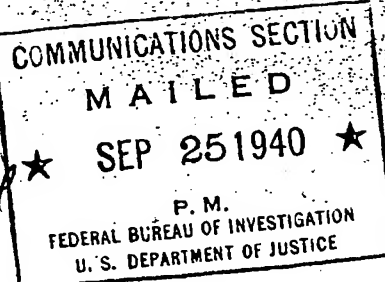
I wish to advise, however, that the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is limited by law, and the information contained in your communication does not constitute any violation over which this Bureau has investigative jurisdiction, and I am therefore unable to authorize any affirmative action in the premises.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir

Isn't it very dangerous  
to allow a man like this to  
appear before the people of  
this country at this or  
any other time?

Please read the two Forum  
letters and Mr. Rogers

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you think of it.

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and I see the Communist Party  
will be on the ticket in

this fall. Is there no way  
to prohibit that?

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# Fair Enough

## By Westbrook Pegler

### FDR Is Charged at Head Of Organization Infested With Grafters, Racketeers

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—I take as my text that portion of President Roosevelt's speech to the



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teamsters' union wherein he said that government is determined to help labor unions clean house of those "few" persons who have betrayed them.

To that I would reply, "Listen to who's talking." The man who is determined to help labor clean

house is himself the head of an organization that is infested with notorious grafters, racketeers, cheats and free-style enemies of every decent principle of the American people and of the liberties which Mr. Roosevelt was hired to uphold.

He is in league with the two most corrupt political mobs in the U. S. and with most of the second-string gangs of political corruptioneers. His nomination in Chicago, so short a time ago that the reek of that occasion still obscures the wholesome stench of the yards, was accomplished under the political and social auspices of some of the very gorillas whom he now purposes to remove from the ranks of labor with a capital L.

### No Cleaner Than AFL

Mr. Roosevelt maintains in Washington and elsewhere in the country a horde of parasitic chisellers whose character and nominal or mock duties parallel those of the cooties in the seams of labor's shirt, and his administration, on the whole, is no cleaner than that of the American Federation of Labor. It is, in fact, much worse, being much bigger and more vital to the nation.

In general, the New Deal or Social-Democratic party is a Gutzum Borglum version of the American Federation of Labor—a fact which has been noted, incidentally, by Mr. Dan Tobin, the president of the teamsters, who was President Roosevelt's host on this occasion.

The leaders of the international unions derive their power from the leaders of the local unions, many, not "few," of whom are crooks and known to the international leaders as such. The question is whether to fight them and risk defeat for reelection at their hands or play ball with them and thus assume an obligation to connive at their exploitation of the rank and file and their defamation of the cause of labor.

Honest men, of whom it is a pleasure to say that Mr. Tobin is one, shut their eyes and hold their noses against corruption in their neighbor unions, lest the crooked leaders of the offensive neighbors kick up political trouble in a lazy and complacent little club of high-salaried elder statesmen.

That has been Mr. Tobin's own policy, and it will be noticed in the text of his remarks to the convention which Mr. Roosevelt addressed that he was careful not to refer to crooks in other unions than his own and to say, incorrectly, that the crooks in the teamsters' union were not many.

### Crooks Treated Kindly

In the big national body, the American Federation of Labor, just as in the national councils of President Roosevelt's party, thanks to their power to deliver the vote, crooks are treated kindly by men whose protestations of virtue and altruism become a miserable fake in such company. And President Roosevelt, as head of the Social-Democratic party and the co-operative colleague of political mobsters, is on no better ground than William Green of the A. F. of L., and certainly is not qualified to lecture any

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## Readers' Forum

Letters must be signed with name and address. Make them as short as possible, please.

Editor Gazette:

In the Reader's Forum of Sept. 10 I read a letter by a gentleman who gave three reasons why he is not going to vote for President Roosevelt. He says he still likes cream in his coffee. I would like to ask him if he had coffee under Hooverism. I did not.

The reason why I and thousands of other voters are going to vote for President Roosevelt is because we have the coffee, cream and sugar, work only eight hours a day instead of 16 or 18, our pay is good and we are not looking for something for nothing.

D. G. Ennick

Bartley.

Editor Gazette:

The policies of The Gazette have become so pronounced New Dealist that I would like to ask how much the New Deal pays you to glorify Roosevelt, a cowardly would-be dictator who is stampeding this country into a war with Adolf Hitler, who is a better man than Roosevelt.

At least Hitler is not a hypocrite. Of all contemptible rats, the most contemptible is a man who runs for a third term on the pretense that he is a draft candidate. Let him beware that his sinister effort to grasp dictatorial power does not recoil upon his own head.

He is a traitor of the blackest, most despicable kind and has never been anything but a sneaking politician who would seduce the greatest republic on earth to further his own political ambitions. May hell seize him and all his works.

John Pass

P.S. Forward this to him and let him get an American's opinion of a Communist rat whose murderous intentions are not too well hidden for me to see through. I dare you to.

Why did the Roosevelt administration not allow the murder of Sen. Huey Long to be traced to Washington? Why also was the murderer of Senator Schall never apprehended?? Let Roosevelt answer why.

Matoaka.

Editor Gazette:

The fellow who talks realistically about war, gets an awful dressing down in the recent issue of "The Conscientious Objector." It declares:

He's the fellow who believes that preparedness will help us stay at peace. Ask him from his own knowledge of history if he knows of any case where large armament has preserved peace.

He must admit that he knows no such case; that ~~all history~~ shows that heavily armed nations have already gone to war. Yet, he urges preparedness as a means to peace. And he calls himself a realist.

He's the fellow that believes that stopping Hitler will end the threat of aggression. Ask him if that fact that the two great aggressors of modern times—Napoleon and the Kaiser were stopped—ended aggression.

He must admit that it didn't. Yet, he urges stopping Hitler to end aggression. And he calls himself a 'realist.'

He must admit that he believes that a British victory will bring peace. Ask him if the last British victory brought peace. He must admit that it didn't. Yet, he wants a British victory. And he calls himself a 'realist.'

He's the fellow who believes a British victory would save democracy. Ask him if the last British victory saved democracy for the colored race who are a majority of the British empire, for the small nations of Europe who fought with the Allies, for Germany, for Russia. Ask him if the last British victory helped democracy in England and the United States, when it gave them their staggering debts, their unemployment, their little Fascist movements, and their new wars.

He must admit that it didn't. Yet, he wants a British victory for the sake of democracy. And he calls himself a 'realist.'

Beware of the humbug. Realism nowadays, is usually a fraud, used to whip up war hysteria, and all of its accompanying frauds, like conscription, et cetera.

Mike Corvari

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Dear [REDACTED]

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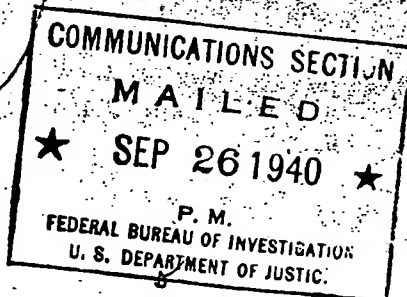
I have noted with interest the content of your communication, and your courtesy in bringing this matter to my attention is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

Am enclosing a copy of an article which appeared in The Fort Smith Times Record, under date of September 19, 1940.

The Fort Smith Industrial Union Council, in regular session, Friday September 20, 1940 passed a resolution branding such articles as subversive and demanding that drastic action be taken to stop their appearance in our daily paper.

Any action you may take against the above mentioned articles will be greatly appreciated by this Council.

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Respectfully,  
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Fair Enough

## Concerning Crooks in Labor Union Ranks and Politics

By Westbrook Pegler

New York.—I take as my text that portion of President Roosevelt's speech to the Teamsters' union wherein he said that government is determined to help labor unions clean house of those "few" persons who have betrayed them.

To that I would reply, "Listen to who's talking." The man who is determined to help labor clean house is himself the head of an organization that is infested with notorious grafters, racketeers, cheats and free-style enemies of every decent principle of the American people and of the liberties which Mr. Roosevelt was hired to uphold.

He is in league with the two most corrupt political mobs in the United States and with most of the second-string gangs of political corruptioneers. His nomination in Chicago, so short a time ago that the reek of that occasion still obscures the wholesome stench of the yards, was accomplished under the political and social auspices of some of the very same gorillas whom he now purposes to remove from the ranks of labor with a capital L.

Mr. Roosevelt maintains in Washington and elsewhere in the country a horde of parasitic chiselers whose character and nominal or mock duties parallel those of the cooties in the seams of labor's shirt, and his administration, on the whole, is no cleaner than that of the American Federation of Labor. It is, in fact, much worse, being much bigger and more vital to the nation.

In general, the New Deal or social-democratic party is a Gutzum Borglum version of the American Federation of Labor—a fact which has been noted, incidentally, by Mr. Dan Tobin, the president of the teamsters, who was President Roosevelt's host on this occasion.

The leaders of the international unions derive their power from the leaders of the local unions, many, not "few," of whom are crooks and known to the international leaders as such. The question is whether to fight them and risk defeat for re-election at their hands or play ball with them and thus assume an obligation to connive at their exploitation of their de-



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the vote, crooks are treated kindly by men whose protestations of virtue and altruism become a miserable fake in such company. And President Roosevelt, as head of the social-democratic party and the co-operative colleague of political mobsters, is on no better ground than William Green of the A. F. of L., and certainly is not qualified to lecture any union on the need of cleaning house.

Tobin's position in the A. F. of L. may be compared to that of Harold Ickes in the social-democratic party. He sits in with crooks whom he knows to be dangerous enemies of the little man, and Mr. Ickes, gulping down many a jagged word of his own utterance against the political racketeers of Chicago and Jersey City, makes political fellowship with them to the total discredit of his own professed concern for the rights and liberties of the people. Their reasons are alike—the desire for power—even at the expense of the rank and file citizen.

The pot has offered to burnish the kettle—a generous gesture, to be sure, but not original.

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Sacramento, California.  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.  
Washington D. C.  
Dear Sir:

The attached article edited by Westbrook Pegler contains vicious slanderous statements against the President, and it seems to me this man should be severely reprimanded, if not prosecuted. Certainly no one should, under the pretext of free speech, be permitted to slander the President. This man is a notorious perverter of truth and attacks organized labor and liberal friends of the people in the most vicious manner that should be banned in these United States, merely to teach he, and his kind, decency, if nothing else. Such viciousness from the pen of a paid hireling of Special Privilege should not go unchallenged, when it involves the President of the United States, and your office has the authority, and can teach this man a lesson he badly needs. I do not presume to suggest your course of action in performing your official duties, but merely intend to call the incident to your attention.

Sincerely yours,

WESTBROOK

PEGLER

## Corruption Of Harding Era Never Like This

NEW YORK—I am indebted to the Democrat national committee for the text of today's sermon, the same being taken from Tuesday's publicity release and reading as follows:

"The most cynical band of political corruptionists who ever debased the nation's honor swept into Washington in the spring of 1921. They took over the justice department and bartered immunity in exchange for bribes."

To all of this I would say "Amen!" or "Ain't it the truth?" Except that I would insert a catch to the effect that the Harding administration was the most cynical band of corruptionists who ever debased the nation's honor until the New Deal swept into Washington, 12 years later. Crooked as they were, they didn't hold the championship long.

### WAS BAD THEN, BUT NOW!

It really isn't necessary to go back over the record of the Ohio gang, for I will agree to anything the New Deal's publicity says.

Heavenly days! What a rude and raucous crowd of old-time chew-tobacco crooks they were, to be sure, and how we, the people, did go on about them when the facts began to come out!

And, although I have great respect for the journalism of Washington, except in its new keyhole and pipeline particulars, which are reminiscent of the semi-official news-poisoning practices of the old world capitals at their

worst, I have always thought that the Washington corps of that era must have been unpardonably fat-headed not to have smelled out the dirty work while it was under way.

### BOYS KICKED ONE THERE

They certainly did kick one there, and by the time the ball had rolled through the outfield and under the fence and had become relayed back by slow stages the thieves had run up a tremendous score.

Mr. Harding, however, never has been shown to have accepted any valuable perquisites or white graft, such as phony philatelic rarities which can be manufactured artificially by the postoffice department and were so manufactured in the early days of the New Deal and distributed among a few favored recipients who were fully aware of the great pecuniary value of these gifts, and I am pretty sure it never was even charged, much less shown, that he put any member of his family on the public payrolls.

### 'FRONT' MAN LIVING IN WHITE HOUSE

-As to Mr. Harding's intimate secretariat, my recollection is dim, so there may have been some transaction comparable on the score of propriety with the retention of Charlie Michelson by a big radio corporation as a Washington "front" at a salary of \$20,000 while he carried a latchkey to the White House and was so folksy with the president that he used to sit in on the regular press conferences, right under the flag.

How do you like the idea of a corporation "front" man practically living in the White House?

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir -

I would like to  
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## WESTBROOK PEGLER

### FAIR ENOUGH

NEW YORK, May 19.—There is nothing to gain and much to lose by pretending to believe that France has not joined the enemy or that it will be possible, somehow, to resist that enemy without striking the French people. France, under Marshal Petain, is preparing to stab a brave and faithful ally in the back with the same cowardly and treacherous timing that President Roosevelt, in one of his historic remarks, observed in the disgraceful conduct of the Italian nation when France was down and bleeding from a million wounds. This makes it necessary to revise the popular American attitude toward a selfish country, which, for years, has shown the United States nothing but ingratitude and greed.

Whether the people of France, in their hearts, would prefer not to follow Petain down that course which he called the path of honor and national interest, it is futile to consider. The fact is and must be faced that they will follow him, in chains and shame, into the camp of the man who started this world war, and that every blow they strike at Britain, whether in action or by facilitating Hitler's war, is a blow at the United States. That France would have done otherwise had the United States sent food to the unoccupied zone seems a wishful and romantic argument. France would have done exactly as Hitler, Petain, Darlan and Laval intended, for there is neither gratitude nor honor in these men who, for selfish, nationalistic interest, have turned against a noble and loyal friend in a terrible hour.

#### Inferior Bravery, Stamina

There is great emphasis on the sufferings and sacrifices of the French people, but the truth is that they were largely responsible for their own disaster and moreover, were far inferior to the British in bravery and stamina. The British people have suffered much more with no thought of her tatters and appealing for aid and pity but simultaneously conspiring in her ingrate heart to betray any friend, including the United States, for any advantage that might be in it. This is a dangerous situation and the least

of the dangers to the American people is the presence in this hospitable country of a great many French men and women who have arrived well-heeled, installed themselves in expensive New York hotels and prepared to sit out the war. Among them unquestionably are many individuals who will indorse Petain's pro-Nazi course and help to put his program through. Such individuals are no less dangerous and may be more so, because they are socially accepted and even feted by wealthy and influential Americans, than the German and Italian sailors, stewards and waiters who have been rounded up and filed away.

#### Internment Must Come

Rene De Chambrun, a French count who enjoys American citizenship of an honorary kind, the son-in-law of the treacherous and cunning Pierre Laval, who is Hitler's chief agent in the affairs of France. De Chambrun was a soldier in the brief French war effort, but enjoys a cruising radius not permitted to ordinary Frenchmen, and it is obvious that the influence which enables him to commute between France, New York and Washington is that of the same evil power in his own country which now has taken France into the Axis. He comes and goes with special privilege, and it can be taken for granted that he does not come here in the interests of the United States, but rather in the interests of a France which is now, to all intents and purposes, an ally or servant of the enemy. He has powerful friends here, and is a relative of Alice Roosevelt Longworth, but he is a Frenchman all ways, and is married to Josie Laval, the daughter of the arch-traitor.

It is an alarming thought, but the United States soon will have to face and act upon the necessity for establishing safe places of internment for civilian aliens, whether they are registered or not, whose sympathies lie with the enemy. Britain had to do this, and the United States will court the very dangers that Britain has tried to avoid, if the same precaution is not taken here. It would be very unpleasant, but in war you do not permit people to circulate freely who are devoted to the enemy's cause, and are, by training and position, especially qualified to work treachery.

Many Americans will be saddened by the necessity to regard Frenchmen as their enemies, but the decision wasn't ours. France has chosen her of a nation and a people whose affection for France and her people amounted to an infatuation.

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I wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated May 21, 1941, with enclosure, and to express to you my sincere appreciation for your courtesy and interest in making this material available to me.

You may be assured that the content of the enclosure has been carefully noted and included in the official files of the FBI.

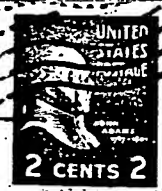
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# Pegler Says: Why Doesn't Labor Press Wake Up?

B. WESTBROOK PEGLER

NEW YORK, June 3.—The editor of one of the few honest union publications in the country has written a criticism which puzzles me. "My honest belief is that you were doing all of us a good turn at first," he says. "But have lost some of your power through bickering over petty affairs that serve now as space-fillers rather than as an actual service. I only hope that you can be of real help in getting some of the remaining chiselers and crooks exposed to daylight."

Now, I, too, have felt that to expose as an extortioner, stickup man or ballbat parliamentarian some criminal boss over the members of an isolated local union may be to magnify a petty situation. But how can "the remaining chiselers and crooks" be "exposed to daylight" unless they are exposed individually? And why do not the papers of the so-called labor press themselves conduct such investigations and publish the facts to the rank and file?

A long time ago I promised William Green to expose a hundred criminals in official positions in the unions of the American Federation of Labor. I have lost track of the score, but among those whom I did expose, always referred to in the union press as "one or two untrustworthy brothers" were two international union treasurers, three international presidents and I don't exactly know many presidents and business agents of locals. I proved also that a Chicago judge, Oscar Nelson, who still sits on the bench as a labor judge and who was a high official of the Chicago Federation of Labor for 25 years, served as counsel for the crooked Building Service Union and, through his law firm, collected a rakeoff of hundreds of thousands of dollars from a lot of poor janitors engaged in handling garbage, stoking boilers and the like.

## Action by Mayer L. Lewis

I proved that the general counsel of the American Federation of Labor itself, Joseph Padway, served as counsel for the crooked Scallise and, with Mr. Green, certified that Scallise was of good character when he was obviously a gangster who lived well by robbing the workers. I proved, further, that Padway was serving—and still serves—as general counsel for the Movie Employees Union and rapturously extolled Gangster George Browne, the president of that organization, who sits with Mr. Green in the executive council of the A. F. of L. with the title of vice president. I have never offered this before, but I might add that Mr. Green's own am-



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bassador to the West Coast, Mayer L. Lewis, on Feb. 23, 1940, sent an official telegram of sympathy to Willie Bioff, the old mackerel, praising his "splendid work" and "excellent leadership," although it was then common knowledge that this crook had used his power as bargaining agent to shake down the bargaining agent of the employers.

I might add, too, that Congressman William Schulte of Hammond, Ind., a member of the committee which governs the capital city of the United States, not only knows intimately the characters and affairs of Gangster Browne's union, which recently have brought federal indictments against Browne and Bioff charging the extortion of \$550,000 but served on a committee of the union which investigated the conduct of the union in California in 1938.

Schulte is a member of the union and, by this investigation, certainly had a fine chance to discover the crookedness that was then in progress. I see no reason to assume that he didn't discover it. I am more tempted to believe that he did because the opportunity was so good.

## What One Investigator Can Do

Richard Lamb of The Pittsburgh Press went through a big file of letters received from rank and file union men and women, and from others, and, in a single-handed investigation, turned up a roster of, I think, 60 crooks with criminal records. And I am sure that if it were possible to put a man on each individual lead, as the FBI and the Treasury can afford to do, it could be shown that the American Federation of Labor is absolutely crawling with crooks.

In New York Tom Dewey has been sending them off to prison, one by one, and mostly small fry, for years with no assistance from organized labor, and in Cleveland there was a great catch of thieves in the union racket. The common laborers union, which has had no convention in 30 years and two of whose local officials owned racing stables, is a promising field for minute investigation.

The labor editor who wrote me seems not to consider the fact that it is the "petty" union boss or racketeer who robs and oppresses the members and exploits them for extortion, in the first place. Multiply him by X and he is no longer "petty" but a great, brutal robber operating under charter from the American Federation of Labor.

Of course, I needn't ask why the editors of the union press fail to do their obvious duty as journalists and unionists to run down individual crooks and drum them out of labor and into prison. They are mostly not journalists at all, but "we boys," engaged in plugging their own racket and shielding the union bosses who pay them, all to the detriment of the rank and file workmen of the United States, and the very life of the nation.

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# Pegler Says: Bioff Reappointed As Union 'Envoy'

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

NEW YORK, May 23.—Mid war's alarms there may be a light entertainment in the news that William Green's gangster friend, George Browne, member of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, has reappointed Willie Bioff, the old Chicago brothel keeper, as his ambassador plenipotentiary in the movie union racket in Hollywood. Brother Bioff, as he is known in the higher councils of labor with a capital L, bears the title of M. H., or master of the harlots, conferred on him by the appellate court of the state of Illinois, and is at present under indictment for evading his federal income tax on \$100,000, which he either extorted or accepted as a bribe from Joe Schenck, the movie magnate, himself under conviction for charging off his social expenditures as business expenses.



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The trial of the distinguished Chicago M. H. on this federal charge was to have started in Los Angeles recently, but has been postponed until September, and meantime the criminal, who admittedly used his official power as union bargaining agent to obtain money from the employers' bargaining agent, will render patriotic service in facilitating the preparation of films of a high moral tone for the training of the soldiers of the new Army.

## Real Compliment

All respectable citizens in the unions of the A. F. of L. and particularly the cameramen, stagehands and projectionists, doubtless will rejoice at this compliment to one of their leaders. And, naturally, the Chicago underworld of vice and other crime will interpret the move as affirmative recognition of their group, for Brother Bioff, M. H., is an old racketeer of the historic Capone mob, and Brother Browne himself has been a gangman for many years. In fact, Brother Browne, of the executive council of the A. F. of L., and one of Brother Will Green's intimates, only recently intervened to compel the members of a small local union of projectionmen in East St. Louis to readmit to membership another of his criminal friends, Clyde A. Weston, who is under sentence of the federal court to serve five years in prison and pay a \$10,000 fine for racketeering at the expense

of another local in St. Louis proper. Brother Weston and another criminal, named John Nick, were convicted together after a long and dangerous fight upon them by a few respectable rank and file workers of the St. Louis union, in the course of which Brother Green threw his support to the underworld. Brother Nick was an old hand in the Browne union racket, having risen to the office of first international vice president before he finally was nailed, with Weston, for using the union to extort money in various ways.

It might be of interest, also, that the Browne-Bioff-Weston-Nick racket, which is further adorned by the person of Nick Dean, the Chicago stickup man, as another of Browne's plenipotentiaries, has a distinguished ally in the United States Congress. This is William T. Schulte, a Democratic statesman from the criminal-underworld Chicago suburb of Hammond, Ind., who has been a member of the union for 30 years and whose residence there, naturally, has thrown him into long and intimate association with Gangster Browne and his picked panders, gunmen and free-style thieves.

## Knows About Racket

The eminent Hoosier statesman is thoroughly acquainted with the affairs of the racket and its dominant characters, as he openly declared when, at the convention of hoodlum's old home week, of June, 1936, in Kansas City, he eulogized his comrade, Gangster Browne.

"This old ship of ours was rocking; we were bound we knew not where," the congressman told the assembled gorillas and working stiffs, referring to the depression and the opportune demise, by gunfire, of Brother Browne's predecessor, Tommy Maloy, who had been knocked off in Chicago. "It was a dark hour. In Louisville (where Browne succeeded Maloy) the man did not seek the job. The job sought the man. And only through his guiding spirit. Oh, there may be some who would find fault—some people will find fault with Santa Claus—but I want to tell you — and President Green will verify this statement—no other organization has weathered the storm as we have weathered it under the leadership of that great man." (Loud and continued applause.)

Brother Green then indorsed the remarks of Rep. Schulte, saying that Brother Browne's racket stood second to none in the A. F. of L. and assuring the assembled hoodlums, leggers, gunmen and M. H.'s that he had gained "renewed strength and courage to go forth and battle for you and the women of the nation."

This essay is only to keep you

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# Government Rife With Reds, Claim

WASHINGTON, May 23.—(INS) A pair of Dies committee Mata Haris in spectacles yesterday electrified committee members by uncovering Communists in Washington's top bureau drawers.

Mary Spargo and Hazel Huffman, official committee investigators, testified that not only are the defense industries seething with Soviets but certain sections of the government itself are crawling with Communists.

Miss Spargo said she was "shocked" to find the number of workers in the federal government who were "terrified to talk" against the Communist party for fear of losing their jobs.

## TALKERS DISAPPEAR.

Mentioning the bituminous coal division of the interior department specifically Miss Spargo told a colorful tale of circulars mysteriously appearing on division desks, of workers who disappeared after "talking" to Dies committee sleuths and of Communists bringing pressure to bear "from the very top."

Secretary Ickes promptly disagreed with Miss Spargo's reports about his interior department and snapped, "evidence of un-American activity" in the bituminous coal division was based on "hearsay," and that his investigation into the matter "has failed to secure any evidence of Communistic activities whatsoever . . ."

"What's more," cracked Ickes, "even the exigencies of a political campaign do not justify character assassination of persons accused anonymously and charged with being Communists by mere rumor." He referred to Dies now in Texas campaigning for the senate.

## NO CHARGES MADE.

Ickes made his retorts in a letter to acting Dies committee Chairman Starnes, who came back with a statement asserting that, while he

had not yet received Ickes' letter, from newspaper reports of it, he would like to remind the secretary of interior neither the sub-committee nor its investigators had made any charges against the interior department or any of its employees.

"The facts," said Starnes, "are simply that an investigator for this committee testified under oath that an administrative official of the bituminous coal division had stated to her that that division was loaded with communism from top to bottom. In other words, it is Mr. Ickes' own employe who made the charges, not us."

The girl Dies agent went on to say that the American peace mobilization, now picketing the White House with one hand and fighting off soldiers on leave with the other, is nothing but a communistic party cover-up.

The Washington navy yard, Miss Huffman said, had an employe named Charles T. Gift, who was an ardent member of A. P. M. and that a Julia Marcus, employe of the federal security administration had told her that the A. P. M. "had made considerable progress at the navy yard."

Broadway and Hollywood got into the story when J. B. Matthews, chief investigator of the Dies committee produced a telegram, dated three days ago, which the Washington A. P. M. sent to such prominent people as Herman Schumlin, producer of "Watch on the Rhine," Lionel Stander, Ann Rochester, Alfred K. Stearn and several others asking for more funds.

Strike-fomenting, the Dies spies said, was the chief occupation of the communistic A. P. M. and their rallies featured talks on ways and means of stirring up trouble at General Motors, U. S. Steel, the Glenn Martin airplane factory, Baltimore, and other vital defense industries.

## **Sabotage in American Defense Industries**

**SABOTAGE** AND strikes are the outstanding threats against America's defense program. Sometimes they appear together, sometimes separately. One aims to destroy defense industries and equipment, the other to prevent their operation.

Among the saboteurs' favorite targets thus far have been plants manufacturing explosives. The means to destruction are at hand, and a blast or fire in such an industry seldom leaves evidence as to its origin. That is why few of the powder and chemical plant explosions have been proved the work of saboteurs; but they have been too many and too well aimed at defense production reasonably to be attributed to accident. To be sure, accelerated and expanded activity in such industries increases the possibility of accident; but the explosions and fires cannot be accounted for by the law of averages. Plants that operated safely before the emergency are now being blown up.

The latest explosion victim at this writing is the du Pont factory in Philadelphia, where a varnish building was wrecked. The thought occurs that du Pont is producing materials more important to national defense than varnish—such as munitions, nylon, chemicals—which would have been more tempting targets for sabotage. However, the scope of the defense effort is so widespread that one industry's failure cripples others by depriving them of needed materials or diverting skills.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation professes to know who the spies, saboteurs and foreign agents are in America, but comparatively few arrests have been made. The authorities explain that they can gain more

by counter-espionage, through which information as to organization and large-scale plans is obtained. That is all very well, so far as it goes, but it should be accompanied by more effective measures to prevent destruction now. Continued sabotage not only disrupts production, but eventually it must adversely affect industrial morale. A sweeping round-up of subversive elements would greatly encourage Americans generally, and it probably would correct many labor troubles.

Ashville, N.C. 1941  
July, 7, 1941

Hon. Robert Jackson, & Hon. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Hon. Mr. Jackson:- & Hon. Edgar Hoover

We don't always agree fully with  
"Fair Enough" column on party issues, but  
for the most part, we fully believe Mr.  
Pegler is a true American, & thats what  
we all have got to be, & to unite our Nation.

Its time to clamp down hard on all  
Fdrign activities. We congratulate you on  
past record & we need strict continuance of  
your good work. Communist leaders in Labor  
as Pegler has mentioned should be investi-  
gated. Very interesting article by Thurman  
Arnold in July Readers Digest. We hope our  
Gov. agencies will co-operate to break up  
these forign monopolies. Our Gov. can trust  
good native Americans to do thier duty for  
our Country in this emergency & at all times.

Very trul yours

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# Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler

Special To The Herald

NEW YORK, July 3.—There seems to be no country on earth, since the fall of France, as hospitable as this one to the kickouts, renegades, malcontents and spies of other powers. We know, of course, that the disaster of France was due in no small part to her indiscriminate hospitality which encouraged abuse of asylum and enabled the creation within her political body of poisonous growths which sapped her life. There were always those among the native French who, in the name of democracy, would insist that alien devotees of this or that ism or faction in other nations must be allowed to enter and, in the course of time, take a full part in the affairs of France—not necessary as grateful adopted children of the family but



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often as critical and obstreperous intruders. One serious trouble was that many of these immigrant refugees continued to carry on in France the activities for which they or their kind, whether imperial Russians or Italians or German Communists, had become hunted men at home. They wiped their shoes on the flag to which they owed their escape from death, mocking the hospitality of a people who risked and, finally, lost their freedom for the sake of a tradition or superstition.

## Five-Year Probation

In the United States the period of probation for immigrants desiring to become citizens is five years, with certain classes of exceptions, the most important of which is that permitting the alien spouse of an American citizen to become naturalized in three years or less. But obviously the mere oath of citizenship has not always been proof of Americanization. The renunciation of foreign ties is insincere or, anyway, incomplete in the thousands of ostensible Americans who, nevertheless, continue in this land to regard themselves as partial Italians, Poles, Irish, French or Germans and, in organized ranks, masquerading as cultural groups, to fight at a distance old battles of the homeland.

It goes without saying that many such naturalized citizens use the privilege of American citizenship as a shield behind which they serve enemies of this country. As to whether naturalized British do this here I do not know, but it seems to me that not many of them do adopt American citizenship. They have other means of serving king and country among us, the most potent being an appeal to the

pathetic snobbery of Americans who swoon in the presence of a broad "A" and the trashy little titles which the crown turns out by the batch to reward politicians, party contributors, lawyers and the like.

I may be unconstitutional, and believe I am, in suggesting that a native American citizen should rank before a naturalized immigrant. This is our country; we know and make its ways, which, therefore, are our ways, and the privilege of holding public office I would reserve for native citizens. In the present circumstances I would so amend the constitution that a naturalized citizen could not hold federal office at all, and trust to the several states to adopt similar restrictions as to state and municipal office.

## Class B Citizenship

True, that would create a B class of citizenship, but I see no objection to that in view of our experience and especially in view of the doubtful quality of much of the immigration which has swept in here, much of it under pretext, since the scourge began abroad. These immigrants are lucky to be where they are and not where they were, and to deny them the privilege of political leadership would inflict no very serious hardship. True, in this way we might deny ourselves some very fine leadership, but I believe we would protect ourselves against much more of a kind of leadership which was largely responsible for the hell on earth in Europe.

The answer to any such proposal instinctively will be that the Founding Fathers were themselves malcontents from Europe, but the time, the nature of the United States and the character of immigration are different today. Those malcontents came here to escape oppression in Europe and to found a new home for themselves by working, and they were willing to forget Europe. The newer malcontents are no more content with our ways than they were with those of the lands from which they fled, and are very critical of a country whose native population would be very well pleased to solve their own problems in their own way and vote issues in the election instead of Old World nationalistic hatreds.

The constitution can be changed, and I would be inclined to guess that a proposal to restrict all public office and all office in labor unions to native Americans would be heartily received by the native population.

I would also extend the period required for naturalization, and pay more critical attention to the association and expressions of persons coming up finally for the priceless privilege of citizenship in the United States.

After all, this is our country, not theirs.

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NEW YORK, July 4.—There is not the slightest doubt that the people of this country have the right to close the books, and for any length of time, against the naturalization of aliens. This is our country and we make the rules of eligibility, so if we decide not to take in any more outsiders as full members until further notice no apologies are due anyone.



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The question is whether it would be wise to do this.

As one who thinks it would be wise I would point to the fact, well known to all our practical politicians, that for a long time many of our naturalized citizens have voted by blocs and have turned important elections by their solidarity under the leadership of political colonizers or padrones. No election should be decided by any group which is still conscious of segregation from the whole American community, but this does happen and doubtless will continue to happen as long as we confer citizenship on masses of people who simply aren't yet Americans.

However, that is water over the dam now. It is impossible to revoke the naturalization of such voters except by a laborious process in each individual case where it can be shown that citizenship was obtained by fraud, and the number who could be so denaturalized would be negligible. But it is easily possible to act on this experience now and thus put an end to the abuse within measurable time.

## Sought Only Safety

Our immigrants since the first World war have not contributed much to the peace and progress of the United States, wherein they have differed from the hordes who came tumbling ashore from the boats in the old free and easy days. True, those immigrants colonized and voted in blocs and politicians filling states were careful to salt them with names which would appeal to the foreign born. But they were, in the main, workers who elected to venture to the United States as a land of opportunity, whereas the newer immigration has largely consisted of people who sought only safety and regarded this country as a refuge and nothing else. There is quite a difference there.

The newer immigration has included many presumptuous ingrates with fixed ideas of government and economy which had made them unwelcome at home who had no sooner set down their bags here

than they began to lecture us on our faults and try to set things right, according to their notions. They didn't want to become Americans, but wanted to make Russians or Germans or, better say, Communists or Nazis of us. Some of them got into our government in the guise of economic advisers and counselors on social reform, and in our cities and, worst of all, in some parts of New York an old-style American is practically an alien in his own home town.

There comes a time when the native American reminds himself that the alien and the naturalized but only slightly Americanized citizen are not, after all, the only persons for whom the United States exists. He is suddenly aware that for years he has been hearing about the rights and troubles of the foreign born and is moved to assert that he who was born here is entitled to a little consideration, too, and not as a concession but as his right.

## Want No Advice

It offends the native American to be told, in effect, that the native population cannot produce men capable of performing important tasks, involving a call on patriotism, as well as individuals who came from the other side. He doesn't believe that this is actually so and suspects that such appointments are made with intent to appeal to blocs of alien-minded naturalized voters and to stimulate the growth of Socialism, whether Muscovite or Nazi, in his native land.

The native Americans are divided on a thousand issues and never vote as a bloc, but if they could be consulted it would be found that they want no advice from any foreigner, naturalized or not, on the conduct of their country, and deeply resent political appeals to foreign groups voting their prejudices or instructions, which determine the outcome of American elections. The American has heard Americanism derided as something smug and contemptible, and ideas imported from the hell of Europe extolled as noble and progressive, although disaster struck wherever they were tried in the Old World. He gets not merely weary but pretty damned sore about that, too.

Once an alien is fully naturalized he is a citizen equally in rights to the native American and may be a little superior in privileges, although he has only a smattering of the language and no affection for the republic.

The constitution says the President must be a native American, but with that single discrimination the newest naturalized Muscovite or Bundist is as good as American, under the law, as the native who has tried always to be a good citizen and never wavered in his Americanism.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—I go back to the preaching of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and call attention to his repeated demands that the law-enforcement agencies of the national, State and local governments proceed vigorously against crooks in the unions under his jurisdiction.

I shall now reveal the hypocrisy of this position in presenting for your study an obvious conspiracy to mock the authority of the government of the United States from which unions of the A.F.L. derive a special license to persecute and rob millions of workers and to extort money from employing companies whose ownership represents the investments of millions of citizens.

## Browne and Bioff

As most of us know, George Browne, the gangster president of the stage and movie employees' craft unions, and Willie Bioff, his criminal colleague in the same racket, are under indictment here charged with extorting \$550,000 from the very employers with whom they carried on negotiations ostensibly in behalf of the workers.

This union is a development of the old Capone-Nitti mob of bootleggers, murderers and Tree-style criminals, but, nevertheless, its general counsel is Joe Padway, who is also general counsel of the A.F.L. in Washington and one of Green's confidential associates.

Both Green and Padway extolled Browne when the fact that he was a common Chicago gangster was well known and Meyer Lewis, who was Green's regional agent on the Pacific Coast, went so far as to send an official vote of confidence to Bioff when that evil parasite was entering jail to serve time for living on the earnings of a stable of streetwalkers.

## Key Witness Missing

Browne and Bioff were to have gone to trial in the Federal Court on Aug. 18, but the government had to ask for a postponement until Sept. 8, because the F.B.I. had been unable to find Nick Circella, alias Dean, a stick-up man and habitual criminal of the Chicago area who occupied, by Browne's appointment, a position parallel to that of Bioff.

Dean is a well-known dive keeper in Chicago, operating a low but pretentious dump called the Colony Club, which is frequented by all the best drunkards of the Gold Coast and the Corn Belt. His ownership of the joint is masked because his criminal record disqualifies him as a licensee, but he is the headman, nevertheless.

And lest it be thought that I am speaking from hearsay in describing this joint as a joint, I may say that I personally have been solicited by a captain of waiters there on behalf

that I have seen the tables in the playroom where the gambling is done when the heat is on.

The Colony Club is a dump under criminal ownership and assurance of the fact may impart a special thrill to the radio audience the next time the announcer's mooring notes advise the unseen multitude that they are listening to music by one of Jimmy Petrillo's union orchestras from the beautiful and exclusive Colony Club on Chicago's famous Gold Coast.

This Circella, or Dean, has been wanted as a witness in the trial of Browne and Bioff and without his testimony the case might be lost, but he has disappeared from his dump and from all his familiar underworld hangouts and the F.B.I. has been unable to find him.

## On the Lam

It is not customary for Circella, or Dean, to disappear at this time of the year and he usually can be found without difficulty at any season, either in Chicago or with the rest of the criminal scum in Miami, Fla., during the hibernating period of the union racketeers, such as Umbrella Mike Boyle, Browne and Max Pollack, alias Caldwell, lately caught robbing a clerks' union under an A.F.L. charter.

Candidly, Circella is on the lam and yet William Green, with a membership of 4,000,000, according to his claim, has made no appeal to his organization to dig up key witnesses in the prosecution of men charged with preying on labor and thus discrediting the union cause.

I specifically refrain from charging Green with participation in the conspiracy, but submit, nevertheless, that the existence of a conspiracy among Browne, Bioff and Dean, to hamper a prosecutor performing his duty according to Green's oft-repeated demands, is too apparent to permit of any doubt.

## Politics Involved

Neither am I prepared to believe that the F.B.I. is exerting itself fully, because this failure is not consistent with the reputation of the F.B.I. or with J. Edgar Hoover's boastful personal and departmental publicity. The Department of Justice is seriously infected with politics and there are political interests which would suffer serious embarrassment if Dean were turned up and the whole story was told of the union relations and the politics of the movie industry.

That consideration aside, however, we still have Green exhorting prosecutors to punish union racketeers, while a notorious powerful criminal holding official credentials from one of his unions is hidden lest he be forced to reveal the vicious history of the union governed by Gangster Browne, who sits with Green as a member of the executive council of

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# LAVAL SHOW

## Unions Threaten County Fair Board

Management Defies Warning of Picketing  
and Promises Greatest Exhibition

Union labor yesterday threatened to try to cripple the Los Angeles County Fair opening Sept. 12 for a 17-day run.

The fair management immediately defied the threats and promised "the greatest show in our history."

Thus flared into open warfare a dramatic and bitter struggle that has been raging under the surface since May 16.

Mass picketing of the fair is anticipated.

No question of wages or working hours is involved.

The whole dispute revolves around the demand of the unions (two in particular) for a complete "union shop," that is, that every employee both year-round and during the 17-day show belong to designated A.F.L. unions.

The fair management has declined to agree.

As a result, the lines were drawn sharply last night for a showdown on the one great question: "Can the Los Angeles County Fair, operating without union domination, attract 1,000,000 visitors and present the finest exhibits, entertainment and horse racing it has ever offered, or can't it?"

### RACING TO GO ON

The fair's board of directors instructed Secretary-Manager C. B. (Jack) Afflerbaugh and its attorney, Joseph A. Allard Jr., to announce officially that every phase of entertainment, exhibiting and racing will be carried out for the benefit of the public.

It also was disclosed last night that there is a serious split in union ranks over the entire matter, with the more conservative unions fighting for the privilege of working as usual, while only two of the more radical groups are holding out for a knockdown, drag-out fight.

The two unions forcing the issue are Dave Beck's Garage, Automotive and Service Station Employees, Local 493, an affiliate of the Teamsters' Union, and the A.F.L. Building Service Employees.

### ACTORS SEEK PEACE

The musicians, culinary workers, stagehands, actors' guild and building trades groups all are reported inclined to a settlement, so they can work.

After months of futile negotiation, the fair board of directors finally accused the unions of

## War Supplies to Come First

New Regulations Issued  
to Manufacturers to  
Speed Armament Program

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.

(AP)—A new regulation issued today provides that American manufacturers must accept orders for war supplies for the United States, Britain, Russia, China and certain other countries, even though such acceptance will delay or prevent deliveries of civilian goods.

E. R. Stettinius Jr., defense priorities director, issued the regulation in a broad revision of priority rules designed to expedite the armament program.

### PROCEDURE IN PAST

In the past, if a manufacturer accepted an order which carried a government priority, or preference, rating he was required to fill it ahead of other orders with a lower rating or none. However, he was not compelled to accept the order if he did not choose to.

The requirement forcing manufacturers to take orders first was included in a regulation placing pig iron under priority control, but it now is extended to all manufacturers, producers, distributors and dealers in the

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I desire to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated August 29, 1941, with which you enclosed a newspaper clipping. Permit me to express my appreciation for your courtesy and interest in communicating with me and offering your suggestions with regard to the newspaper item.

With respect to the allegations appearing in the clipping I should like you to know that the FBI gives vigorous attention to all cases within its investigative jurisdiction.

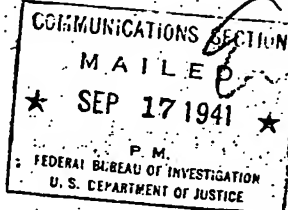
Please feel free to refer to me any information you believe of interest to the activities of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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## Bandits And Fascists

THE German government's attitude toward the anti-American Bund was such and so well known that any person who joined it automatically indicated his allegiance to Adolf Hitler and his hostility to the United States. This organization was created as an island of Nazi Germanism in a foolishly patient and tolerant republic. It was a semimilitary body with uniformed storm troopers who used the Nazi salute and hailed Hitler. The camps were cells of Hitlerism in which the women and children breathed hatred of everything that Ameri-

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Hon. Alexander D. Wiley  
United States Senator  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The attached copy of a newspaper article discloses an alarming condition on the West Coast. Undoubtedly, there is a reasonable basis for the statements made herein and we are wondering what is being done toward counteracting the conditions as stated.

All current newspaper reports indicate the vicious Fifth Column situation on the West Coast. It is one that requires very strong combat measures in order to build up the necessary protection for our lives and property.

We have two factories on the West Coast about which we are, of course, especially concerned, but there are also ten million residents who must be completely protected.

Are you satisfied that everything possible is being done to completely protect lives and property in the costal states?

Yours very truly,

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BY WESTBROOK PEGLER

CHICAGO, Ill.: Walter Lippmann is one of our best-known syndicated cosmic columnists, distinctly on the scholarly or double-dome side and a conscientious and responsible man. He is not known as a news-and-fact reporter, however, so he gave me a start Thursday when he wrote from San Francisco a piece that seemed to me to be a cry of alarm.

His trouble in the role of Paul Revere is his reputation as an essayist. People read his column as required study in difficult subjects, so I imagine that they mistook his siren for the one on the battalion chief's car tooling the skipper through the traffic to a date for lunch.

Tightened up a little bit, this is what he said: "The enemy alien or fifth column problem on the Pacific coast is very serious. The coast is in imminent danger of combined attack from within and from without. The peculiar danger is in a Japanese raid accompanied by enemy action inside American territory.

## Warns of Second Pearl Harbor

"The combination can be very formidable. For, while the striking power might not be overwhelming at any one point, Japan might do irreparable damage if it were accompanied by sabotage to which this part of the country is especially vulnerable.

"This is a sober report based on what is known to be taking place. The Japanese navy has been reconnoitering the Pacific coast, testing and feeling out the defenses. Communication takes place between the enemy at sea and enemy agents on land. There has been no important sabotage, but this is no sign that there is nothing to fear. It is a sign that the blow is well organized and held back until it can be struck with maximum effect."

From that Lippmann goes on to urge the mass evacuation and mass internment of enemy aliens, most of whom, of course, are Japanese.

Do you get what he says? This is a high-grade fellow, with a heavy sense of responsibility, trying to tell us that the enemy has been scouting our coast, a fact unknown to our people, that the Japs ashore are communicating with the enemy offshore and that, on the basis of "what is known

to be taking place," there are signs that a well-organized blow is being withheld only until it can do the most damage.

That probably means reservoirs, harbors, oil stores, naval works, bridges and the big power works and radio stations and shooting of our civilians by Japanese residents in military groups and civilian garb.

We are so damned dumb and considerate of the minute constitutional rights and even of the political feelings and influence of people whom we have every reason to anticipate with preventive action! The Germans round them all up and keep them in pens. There isn't an American or Briton on the loose anywhere in Japan or the territory she holds.

But we have to be fastidious and shytesque like a lot of guardhouse lawyers and the first thing we know it's Pearl Harbor and we even bury inside the papers a warning by a man whose reputation for sober responsibility justified immediate alarm and radical precautions.

## Warning Goes Unheeded

What Lippmann says I accept as truth on the basis of his reputation and if it is the truth we are just sitting around waiting for the enemy to stab us in the back as the German parachutists and "tourists" struck down Holland and Norway.

Up to now I have seen no follow-up story in the news columns of any paper. There has been no word of any action in California or northward on the coast to prevent the attack which this very sure-footed, unsensational journalist predicts.

Our papers are operating under great difficulties and strain. We can't investigate half the important tips that come to us or give due prominence to information which we do confirm.

But in this case I say we booted one, for if what Lippmann says is true we should have been all over the story within a few hours and the Japanese in California should be under armed guard to the last man and woman right now and to hell with habeas corpus until the danger is over.

If it isn't true we can take it out on Lippmann, but on his reputation I will bet it is all true.

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Honorable Alexander Wiley  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated March 26, 1942, with which you forwarded a letter with enclosure directed to you on March 23, 1942, by [REDACTED] b-6

Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are, I want you to know, sincerely appreciated. In this connection I desire to point out that this Bureau is exerting every effort under the existing National Defense Statutes to protect the internal security of the country. Inasmuch as the reference matter pertains in part to the administration of the legal aspects of the statutes, I am taking the liberty of referring copies of your communication to the Attorney General, the Alien Enemy Control and Special Defense Units of the Department of Justice. Further, I am referring copies of it to the Offices of Military and Naval Intelligence inasmuch as the information contained therein may be of value to those agencies.

You may be assured likewise that this matter is being given appropriate consideration by this Bureau.

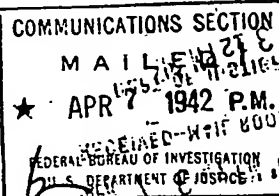
In accordance with your request I am returning the enclosures which you forwarded with your communication.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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DIRECTOR, ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL UNIT

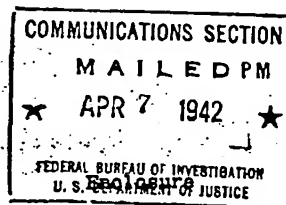
There are transmitted herewith for your information and whatever consideration deemed appropriate, copies of communication addressed to this Bureau, together with copies of the enclosures, by Honorable Alexander Wiley, United States Senate, Washington, D. C., on March 26, 1942.

The correspondent has been advised of this reference.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH  
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

There are transmitted herewith for your information  
and whatever consideration deemed appropriate, copies of a  
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the enclosures, by Honorable Alexander Wiley, United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C., on March 26, 1942.

The correspondent has been advised of this reference.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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April 7, 1942

Director  
Office of Naval Intelligence  
Navy Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith for your information  
and whatever consideration deemed appropriate, copies of  
communication addressed to this Bureau, together with copies of

the enclosures, by Honorable Alexander Wiley, United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C., on March 26, 1942.

The correspondent has been advised of this reference.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. - Assistant Chief of Staff  
G-2, War Department  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

For your information and whatever consideration you deem advisable there are attached herewith copies of a letter with enclosures directed to me on March 26, 1942 by the Honorable Alexander Wiley, United States Senate. Senator Wiley has been advised of this reference.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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D. C.

Gentlemen :  
The enclosed clipping which appeared in our morning's  
Post Standard indicates a type that should be watched and cautioned.  
It is because of such that we have much that is not good for our defense  
productions, and all that goes with it.  
We cannot depend upon this type to help us through in this terrible  
struggle.  
I am sure you will be glad to have this party looked after in regular  
course. I am sure every success in your good work.  
Wishing you every success in your good work.

Apr. 27, 1942.

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May 24, 1942

Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 27, 1942, with enclosure.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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# Would Pegler

To the Editor: Pegler's irresponsible and vicious treatment of the question of labor unions should be stopped. Any substantial evidence he has on racketeering (and he has little) actually do not reflect unfavorably on labor unions, for the LaFollette congressional investigation has proven that several large employer organizations have planted hundreds of spies and criminals in labor organizations for just such purposes. See Leo Hulerman's "Labor Spy Racket" for a popular presentation of this investigation. Pegler's disregard for such facts proves him to be an intellectual prostitute of anti-union forces.

Indeed, in seeking to arouse people against unions, Pegler is acting like a Nazi agent. The facts are that labor unions have been, and are the most active promoters of increased production in the United States. This is testified to by many responsible employers and by our war chiefs alike. In disregarding this testimony, Pegler is doing his country a great disservice. We are at war. If Pegler were at all concerned with that, he would not be engaging in the vicious slanders which he does day after day. Pegler should be gagged.

This is war, and there is only one issue, winning the war.

ARTHUR LINDSAY  
Ithaca.

This advocate of gagging Pegler will be recalled as the same correspondent who recently pleaded eloquently in these columns for the release of Earl Browder—Editor.

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W. Crook Pegler

## Unity Is Weak Excuse For Browder's Release

THE commutation of Earl Browder's prison term as a means of promoting unity among the American people is more offensive than ever to the patriotism of the country in the light of the opinion expressed by the Attorney General, Mr. Biddle, in the Harry Bridges case.

Overruling a committee of clerks in his department, known as the Immigration Appeals Board, who, in their turn, had overruled an eminent judge who had heard the evidence and recommended Bridges' deportation, Mr. Biddle not only agrees that Bridges is a Communist but that the Communist Party does strive to overthrow existing governments, including this one, and that, therefore, he should be deported.

### Hostility Recognized

I believe this is the first time that any competent spokesman of the Administration has recognized the obvious hostility of the Communist Party to the Government of the United States but, anyway, the effect of his opinion is that Browder is, in very plain effect, accused of traitorous conduct, he being chief of this conspiracy against this Nation.

Nevertheless, this evil servant of our most defiant and contemptuous internal enemy is now again at liberty by Presidential decree, not because he was overpunished for his crime done in the interest of his conspiracy, not because he was a victim of political persecution, but because his political following demanded his release.

### Lies for Their Cause

No loyal American asked Browder's release on any such ground. The Communist petitioners, skilled and tireless in such matters, claimed to have gathered three million signatures for their appeal but, of course, they are all proud to be known as liars for their cause, so that figure need not be accepted. But even those fellow-travelers who joined in the appeal based their petition on a contention that Browder was a victim of political persecution, which would be a violation of American justice.

The cause of unity had no merit in the case unless it is to be established that a felon sentenced for a proven crime and for no other reason may be allowed to go insufficiently whipped out of consideration for his politics and the strength of his political following.

The excuse of unity was obviously weak anyway for the Communists now are under orders from their home office to do their utmost in behalf of the war effort in this country in Russia's interest. They would have to do this even though Browder had remained in prison to the last day of his four-year term and even though our Government had been cynical enough to admit that he was a political prisoner. They serve and obey Russia.

Whom then was it intended to swerve from disunity to unity by this political stroke?

Were there any mass meeting of soldiers or the parents of soldiers or any other loyal Americans, to demand Browder's release? There was none and, in view of Biddle's admission that Browder's party fights to destroy the American Government, the suggestion that Americans would fight and work the harder for their own country in gratitude for this extra-legal favor to any enemy is the more painful.

### Antis Not Placated

The only antiwar elements in this country are small and devoted to the Axis and they will not be placated by Browder's release. On the contrary, they will be more pernicious than ever and no doubt will exploit the honest indignation of patriotic citizens over the outrage to create greater disunity than they were capable of before. Yet the loyal citizens cannot be expected to pass over without protest this special political favor to a criminal whose agency is now plainly acknowledged by the Attorney General to be an enemy of the Nation.

The Bridges deportation probably will never come off, however, because he may now appeal to the Federal courts, starting low and working slowly up to the Supreme Court and, in the end, a political deal with the Government of Australia, his native land, may persuade that Commonwealth to deny him readmittance.

Meanwhile, on the Pacific Coast, through the exercise of the political and economic power which he created under the politico-labor policy of the Government which now denounces him as an enemy, he will help Mother Russia and, incidentally and unavoidably, Australia and the United States, by shoving cargo along efficiently and fast.

why not get after these gangsters?

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*Mr. Edgar Hoover,  
Washington,  
D. C.*

Westbrook Pegler

## Padway's Gag Costs Union Rebels \$5000

LEAST anyone forget the interesting personality of Joe Padway, the general counsel of A. F. L. and general counsel, during their thieving career, of the filthy racket disguised as a union conducted by George Browne and Willie Bloff. I should like to relate the latest feat of this prosperous altruist, who recently had the effrontery to appear before the Congressional representatives of the American people and tell them what laws they might pass and what laws he would not stand for.

Mr. Padway, born in England, became a pioneer in the profitable exploitation of the union movement in Milwaukee and landed in Washington with a rich practice as general counsel for seven international unions of the A. F. L. and special counsel for others.

### Agent for Subgovernment

As general counsel of the A. F. L. he was the attorney general of that rich and powerful subgovernment of the American people and sat in cabinet meetings of the A. F. L. along with his client, the notorious underworld thief and racketeer, George Browne. He also collaborated in bargaining negotiations with Willie Bloff, whose background as an old brothel keeper was notorious throughout the union racket. He also represented, as general counsel, the Bartenders' Union, which, in Miami, was the private racket of Al Capone's brother-in-law, Danny Coughlin, and, in Chicago, was the racket of another group of the Capone mob.

George Scalise, of the building service racket, also, like Bloff, a former vice racketeer, paid Padway \$1000 to "revise his constitution" and Padway indorsed that racketeer's application for a Presidential pardon not long before Scalise was publicly shown to be a front man for still another group of the Capone mob and sentenced to Sing Sing.

### Sources of Income

Among the seven international unions which provide Padway with the means for living the more abundant life is the Teamsters' International, with headquarters in Indianapolis, whose president is that fine and pious elder statesman of the A. F. L., Mr. Dan Tobin, a member of the A. F. L. cabinet or executive council. Notwithstanding his piety, and well knowing Browne's character, Mr. Tobin nevertheless forebore to throw the crook out of the cabinet because he placed political unity within the council above decency and the honest treatment of rank and file

turney Mathias Corcoran of New York had to remove Browne from the necks of helpless workers.

Mr. Tobin is a fine American with the reservation that he does not trust the public courts and has denounced as a lower form of vermin than the unspeakable scab any member, however sore oppressed, who dares to exercise his American right to appeal to the courts for justice.

### Private Union Courts

Although Mr. Padway, as a lawyer, is an officer of the court, he finds it within his ethics to represent this organization, whose president has expressed this preference for private union courts which may be conducted by racketeers acting in the role of judge, jury and defendant.

In Cincinnati, of late, a group of rebellious members of 11 local teamsters' unions, subsidiaries of Mr. Tobin's international, and having 10,000 members, brought suit and grave charges against Mr. Brocky Farrell, who had been sent in as trustee by Mr. Tobin following some trouble many years ago. A trustee in such cases occupies a position similar to that of Adolf Hitler's governor-general in Poland or Czechoslovakia. He is set over the rank and file without their vote or consent and is accountable only to the international headquarters. Indeed, in the Teamsters' Union there is a constitutional question whether even Mr. Tobin, having once named a trustee, may remove him or call him to account.

### Charge Dictatorship

The Cincinnati rebels charged that Mr. Farrell was a dictator, that he had not properly accounted for vast sums of union money and, most heinous of all sins, that he had authorized numbers of his subjects to cross the picket lines of other unions.

For a few terrible days it appeared that the intimate affairs of this group of Mr. Tobin's subject unions might be exposed to the public courts, so Mr. Padway rushed to Cincinnati and saved the day. The suit and the charges were justly withdrawn and elections ordered, but only with a stipulation by Mr. Padway that the rebellious factionnaires refrain from impugning the character of Mr. Farrell, his representatives with remittances or allegations, however true.

For these brief but talented services the court allowed Mr. Padway \$5000, payable out of the earnings of the local workers who sagged by his insistence on the same line as Brocky Farrell.

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The American public are watching to see what you do with this case?

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It looks like  
Westbrook Pegler  
is doing all he can  
to split our war effort  
up into little pieces.  
His narrow minded  
attacks on organized  
labor, his silly accus-  
ations about communism  
and his lack of race  
friendship and fair  
play, all added up,  
come to the sum total  
of a line of thinking  
that helps Mister Hitler  
quite a bit to win  
his war for fascism.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Tom Clark of the Antitrust Division called to advise that [redacted] in the Engineers case in which they indicted the local union in Albany, was in his office in connection with an article written by Westbrook Pegler, the last paragraph of which, in referring to the Attorney General and Clark, says "neither one can plead ignorance because the FBI has that record which I will present in some detail at a later date."

The purpose of [redacted] call was to inquire as to whether in fact, Pegler could have a record of the Bureau relative to this case. Mr. Clark had told him that the Bureau would not furnish its records to Pegler, but [redacted] wanted the information from someone in the Bureau. I told Mr. Clark that he could assure [redacted] that the FBI furnished its records only to duly constituted law enforcement agencies.

Mr. Clark advised that the article by Pegler was dated June 23, 1942, and "took a crack at the Attorney General and myself because we said it was not an indictment of labor generally," but of this particular union.

Respectfully,

*A. Rosen*  
A. Rosen

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Eleonor Roosevelt -

In July 4<sup>th</sup> issue of the Post-Standard Syracuse Westbrook Pegler had a writing in addressed to you in his column - Against you and against organized labor and pointed out etc etc.

I am writing you hurriedly and with a beating heart in an automobile accident a year ago partly blocking me, and leaving me with a bad heart - have been in the hospital for two months. I want to get this to you before you answer. I have done writing myself, magazine and newspaper - Arthur Brisbane helped me. I am 74 years old - In my time a Trade Union is a Central Body representing 10 most affected men but is one of the 56 JUL 27 1942 no action necessary 230

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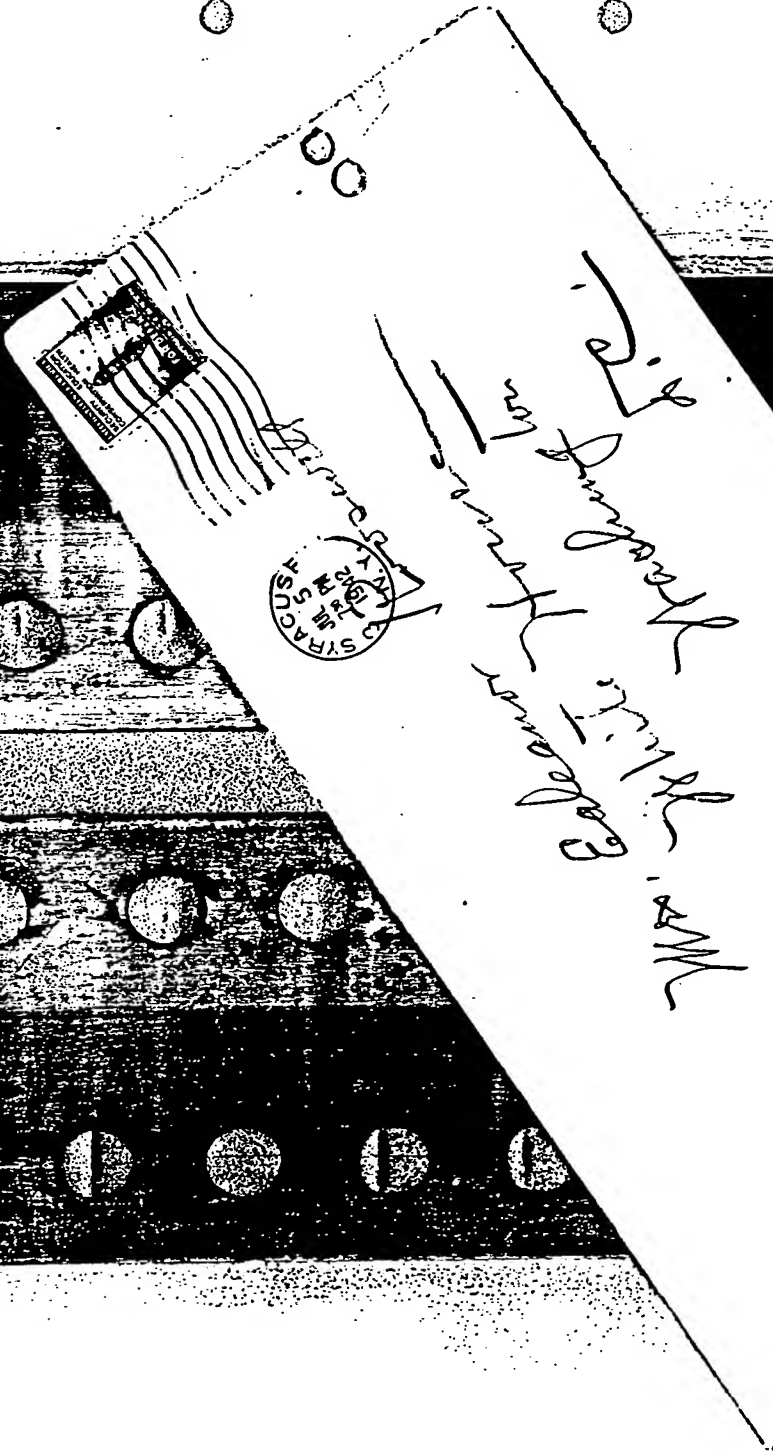
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1/4 year, attended an English singing  
 convention in Philadelphia, Penn. held  
 in 1907, three weeks. I think I  
 know something of Trade Union. Before  
 that I belonged to the Order of R. Conductors  
 kept my membership after I got  
 out my first conductor, a member here  
 more than 30 years. I think I can  
 speak from experience.  
 Now: About two months ago Peck  
 had a writing in which was a libel  
 both against the President and the Supreme  
 Court. "You know that procedure is  
 law-makers so you can't libel a  
 group." So to smear the president he  
 put him among "the executives in  
 Washington" backed the the Court!  
 Not the words but the idea. You can say  
 just it. He had charged and continues  
 charges they did anything in  
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 and the then hide behind the  
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this letter. Some other time I  
want to get this in the mail  
yesterday I have studied law  
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study of economics and constitutional  
law & lectured at University here  
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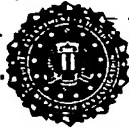
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

July 14, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: WESTBROOK PEGLER;  
COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN LABOR;  
MICHAEL J. QUILL

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. McGuire  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Quinn  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

I thought you might like to have called to your attention the following observations made by Westbrook Pegler in his column which appeared in the Washington Post of June 16, 1942:

"I have not heard whether Senator Robert ~~La~~ Follette intends to proceed against me for investigating union affairs, often with the assistance of men within the unions, but if he should call me before his left-wing Dies Committee of the Senate, I would cheerfully say that I have had thousands of communications from union members revealing otherwise hidden facts of misconduct within the ruling group of unions.

"I would tell him that much information obtained in this manner has been found useful by prosecutors, both Federal and State, in punishing crooks who could not have been exposed except by victims on the inside. I would tell him that some of his colleagues in both houses of the national legislature have asked permission to examine the data in my files and have used this material for guidance in conducting investigations. It seems unlikely that Senator La Follette would try to punish these public prosecutors and these Congressional colleagues of his for receiving this information obtained by means of which might be challenged as a violation of the sanctity of union affairs.

"And have I been guilty of spying in passing to these public officials and even to employers might protect their legitimate interests of workers in their employ? Because, ~~let~~ let the wagon, for I have done just that and intend to do so.

"I exchange information with employers and in fighting off predatory union leaders. I recd

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Respectfully,

*DM Ladd*  
D. M. Ladd.

*Ed.*

# Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler

## Patriotic Spying

THE LAW forbidding employers and others to spy on those political organizations known as labor unions, which have private taxing powers and their own private laws and courts, is a dangerous law and should be repealed.

There is no reason why these political groups, with their great powers and their over-all record of ruthless criminality and oppression, should be given the protection of a Federal law which attempts to preserve the dark secrecy that all conspirators and thieves prefer.

No other element in our Nation enjoys such protection. Although there is no other element whose evil record so urgently demands that its conduct be carefully watched at all times in the public interest including, most imperatively, the interest of the workers.

I HAVE NOT heard whether Senator Robert M. La Follette intends to proceed against me for investigating union affairs, often with the assistance of men within the unions, but if he should call me before his left-wing Dies Committee of the Senate, I would cheerfully say that I have had thousands of communications from union members revealing otherwise hidden facts of misconduct within the ruling group of unions.

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I have been guilty of spying in passing on information to public officials and spreading employers so that the employers might protect their legitimate interests and the workers in their employ? Because, if so, let La Follette call the wagon, for I have done just that and intend to continue to do so.

I exchange information with employers and lawyers engaged in fighting off predatory union-busters. I receive much information from workers who, in turn, sometimes call on me for data on union hunters who are trying to unionize them against their will. A group of workers in a Southern city called on me some time ago, and I gave them information on Mike Quill, the Irish party liner of the Transport Workers Union of the C. I. O. which, I hope, had some effect in their decision to keep out of the clutches of this consistent follower of the Moscow line.

I have before me at this moment a copy of the Office and Professional News, the publication of the Office Clerks Union of the C. I. O. This and the C. I. O. communications union, composed of wire and wireless telegraph operators and teletype operators, are two of the most dangerous organizations in the country, from the standpoint of espionage. Between them they have access to correspondence, books and business secrets of the companies which employ their members and to a great proportion of all the confidential wire and wireless messages, not only of companies and individuals, but of the Government as well.

WELL, the Office and Professional News will give you an idea how red is the Office Workers Union. This paper carries an advertisement for the Communist Party's official organ and a display story shouting up the demand of the party-line New York Newspaper Guild, that my copy be excluded from the Stars and Stripes, a publication of the various American expeditionary forces, on political grounds. It also contains a ballyhoo story for a recent Communist Party line movie called "Native Land," in which the narration is done by Paul Robeson, the Negro singer who has spent much time in Russia and is identified with many Communist Front organizations. It contains a cheer for the release of Earl Browder, the chief of the Communist, anti-American conspiracy, and a proposal that each

member of the union be paid one hour's pay per month for Russian war relief and for other relief.

Does Senator La Follette or anyone else believe that such an organization would forbear to engage in espionage against the employers of office workers having access to the employers' confidential affairs? And is the employer guilty of a wrong if, in turn, spies on this Communist front which has planted spies in place? There is no longer any doubt

that the political party for which this union shows such a strong devotion is an anti-American conspiracy. That question was settled by Attorney General Francis Biddle in an opinion, prompted by we know not what devious political motives, in the Harry Bridges case when he said the party "advices and advocates the overthrow by force and violence of the Government of the United States." So I say that Americans who can do so should spy on such an organization and that such spying, for from deserving punishment, is a patriotic service.

If you back off and take an objective look you must realize that the only reason why spying on unions is forbidden is a political reason, for Mr. Biddle, in another announcement a short while before his Bridges opinion, acknowledged that the unions, with their vast treasuries and taxing powers, are political agencies of the party in power.

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*E. H. H.*

July 21st  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director F.B.I.  
Justice Bldg  
Washington D C

ref. Westbrook Pegler  
"Is the Dummy really a Lumb "

Dear Mr. Hoover :

This letter is written in great anger and in protest to the above mentioned writer and his article. This article is the most cruel piece of journalism I have read since Pearl Harbor. It is full of insinuations, and full of lies. The F.B.I., which by God has done and is doing such marvelous work, and which had to fight before Pearl Harbor hard enough to be still the F.B.I., which was attacked by everybody from Lindbergh to Wheeler to Fish is made to appear that they supply bodyguards, and as Westbrook Pegler stated, just a telephone call to you and anybody who is not liked by Walter Winchell is taken into jail.

It seems, that Westbrook Pegler takes too much for granted. Mr. Hoover, in which other country would the eight Nazi saboteurs get a trial like in this glorious country? Mr. Pegler attacks Walter Winchell, attacks the Navy Reserve Society, attacks Edgar Hoover, attacks the trust the U.S. has in the F.B.I. the Navy Dept. and our present Secret of Navy, Frank Knox. After all, Frank Knox came out with the statement, that W.E. is more valuable in his present occupation than in active service.

Democracy is swell, and all for what it stands. There is no one who appreciates America as much as I do, but I do not believe that freedom of speech stands for columns like this one by Westbrook Pegler.

I have made very sure, that I am not the only one who feels this way. This article was shown by me to a lot of people, and they all do feel the same way as I do.

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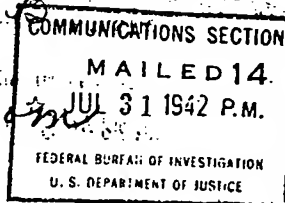
I have your letter of July 21, 1942, and appreciate your interest in making your views and observations available to me. It is encouraging to know that you think so well of the work of the FBI and I hope that we will always have your support.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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July 22, 1942

Dear Mr. Winchell,

I don't know if you would consider this important. First thought it just a coincidence, but after hearing of the write up W. Pegler had in his column Monday night, I'd call it well organized movement.

I am a waiter. Several weeks ago while working in N. Y., one of the people I was serving invited a sailor over to his table for a drink. The sailor was not quite sober, - neither was he too intoxicated. After buying the sailor a drink, he mentioned that it would be too bad for the sailor if Walter Winchell saw him. The sailor of course wanted to know why. He was told that you were his boss; - being a Lieut. Com. & all you had to do was broadcast over the radio, - & that he the sailor, was taking on all the dangers. The sailor more or less resented it, and the party told him to tell his shipmates about it when he got aboard ship.

Last Sunday I worked at a place in New Jersey. A party of five people invited a sailor over to their table. He was in about the same condition as the other sailor. They made the same approach with the same conversation, but this sailor did not see anything wrong with your being an officer. On account of the sailor taking that attitude they chased him from the table saying he was making a nuisance of himself.

I did not read Pegler's column, - but I understand it was of the same vein. I can't help but be convinced that it is an organized movement, - and I also wonder who is writing Pegler's Columns.

I sincerely hope that if this is an organized movement, to cause disunity amongst our armed forces; or a means to discredit you, in the great work you have been doing in bringing these louses to light, you make their attempts very brief.

Very truly yours,

"TO HOOVER."

John: should this go to ONI?"

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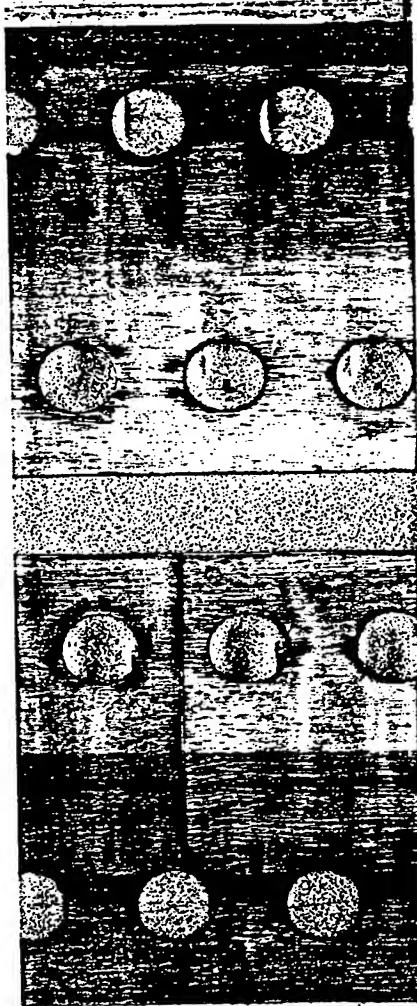
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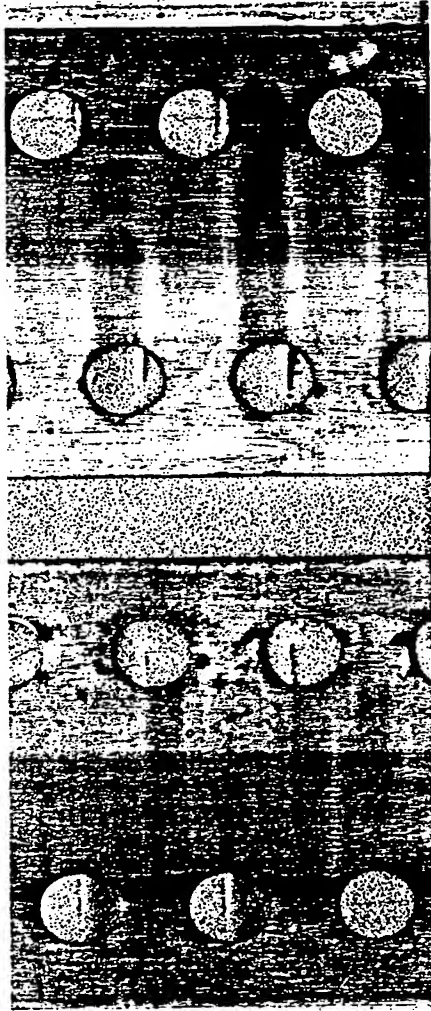
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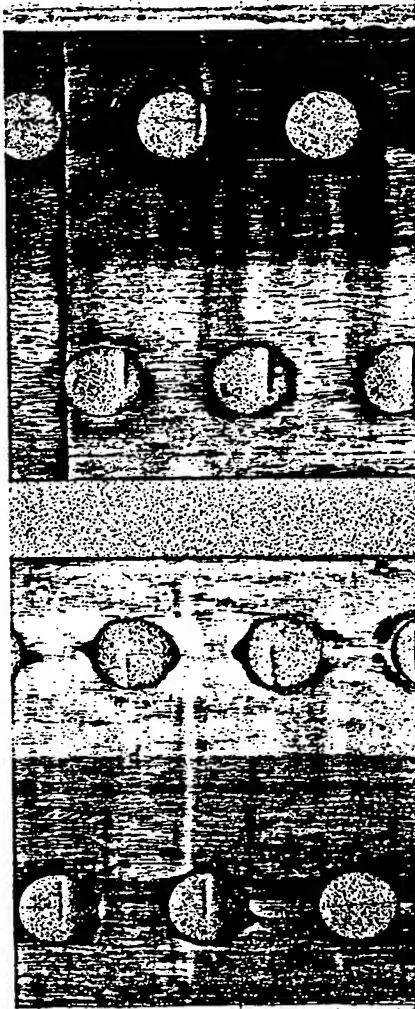
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August 5, 1942

Mr. Walter Winchell  
New York Mirror  
235 East 45th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Walter:

I have before me the communication which was directed to you on July 22, 1942, by [REDACTED] Your courtesy and interest in forwarding [REDACTED] letter to me are indeed appreciated. b-6

I want you to know that I have carefully noted the content of the communication and that you may be assured that the data contained therein are being given appropriate consideration by the FBI.

With kind personal regards,

Cordially,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MULFORD

Re: UNITED OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL WORKERS  
OF AMERICA;  
AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION;  
WESTBROOK PEGLER

The Federated Press for June 22, 1942 carries an article dated New York City which relates that a delegation of five officials of the United Office and Professional Workers of America and the American Communications Association, both CIO affiliates, called upon Lee Wood, Executive Editor of the Scripps-Howard World Telegram, to protest Pegler's "un-American attacks on their union members." The delegation protested Pegler's charge that the two unions used their access to confidential communications for espionage, and demanded that he either repudiate the charge or submit evidence to prove it.

The Federated Press article recounts that Wood defended Pegler's attack, but offered no evidence to support it, merely saying that Pegler was justified because the UOPWA had been called Communistic by Martin Dies.

Respectfully,

*E. P. Morgan*  
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Copy for Mr. Hoover:

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October 27, 1942.

Hon. W. Lee O'Daniel,  
U. S. Senator,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator:

Enclosed are Westbrook Pegler's articles clipped from Fort Worth Press of Oct. 21, 22 and 23 which explain why it is impossible for a conscientious subscriber to the principles of right and justice and Democracy to have any confidence in the newly appointed Economic Director and certainly no trust or confidence in an Administration of Government that would make such an apparently inept selection.

Also Pegler's article in Oct. 20 issue of same paper showing how the manpower problem is complicated by labor racketeers with the evident sanction of the New Deal political bigwigs.

But worst of all is the enclosed clipping of Oct. 19 issue of Washington Post, page 9, carrying Mark Sullivan's article "Policing and Penalizing", to read the facts set forth therein makes one stop and wonder when the apparent tendency to sabotage the American system will be arrested. The line of demarcation between the New Deal and the so-called New Order seems to be getting dimmer and dimmer. If one feels any consolation because of the lack of ruthlessness on the part of the former let him consider the evidence that the restraint is prompted by the remnant of practicalities of the situation rather than mere humanity by assimilating the contents of the book by J. Edward Jones "And So They Indicted Me" obtainable at most any library or bookstore.

When will the U. S. Congress redeem itself by taking the necessary corrective legislative action to save our country from the ravages of the experiences of having to be a "guinea pig" for the testing out of Un-American and foreign ideas of the administration of Government.

Respectfully submitted,

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The White House is getting a copy of this and I am under the impression that such letters are thereafter referred to the FBI.

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November 25. 1942.

Mr. G. Edgar Hoover,  
Director of the F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

May I enclosed submit to you a paper clipping which I cut approx. two years ago out of a Cincinnati paper. I am referring your attention to "Fair Enough by Pegler". -

I consider this mind importend enough to call it to your attention.

Very truly yours,

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# Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler

NEW YORK: It seems almost impossible to check the madness which is being spread through this unfortunate land by such warmongers as Gen. Pershing, William Allen White and the leaders of the government, but the effort should be made in the interest of peace, prosperity and security.

The issue is simple. It has been shown that aggressive nations which prepare to attack Adolf Hitler bring down upon themselves the most terrible revenge. It has been shown, too, that no nation may persecute with impunity those among its population who strive to create good relations with the Fuehrer and his comrade-in-arms, Joseph Stalin. Therefore, it is plain that the only safe policy for the United States is to accept the leadership of the German-American Bund, the German-American National Alliance and the Communist Party, which are bravely opposing the efforts of the warmongers to create a great military power.

Those who indulge in the un-American sport of red-baiting must also be included in the warmongering class, for the patience of Stalin, like that of the German Fuehrer, though great and generous, nevertheless, has its limits, as the plutocratic parasites of Finland learned last winter.

THE ARROGANT rulers of the Finnish people did everything in their power to inflict pain on the brave patriots who sought to promote understanding and closer relations with Russia. The great



Russian leader endured the suffering of these loyal friends as long as his heart could stand the pain and finally, from humane motives, went to their rescue with results which the world now knows.

After all, then, who are the real friends of the American people? Are they Gen. Pershing, William Allen White, the President, the international bankers and the war profiteers who are advocating militarism? Or are they the brave but kindly leaders and members of the Bund, the alliance and the Communist Party who are striving mightily to prevent rearming as proof to Hitler and Stalin that this nation has no intention to attack them?

IF WE MAINTAIN good relations with Hitler and Stalin what need have we of a great army and navy? As long as they are strong they will stand ready to shield the American people, especially from the misrule of the warmongers, and unless we change our course the time will surely come when they will feel compelled to do for us what they did for the people of Poland, for example.

If we maintain good relations with them we may spare ourselves the cost of arming and soldiering, and even of domestic police work, for they have highly efficient detective and strong-arm staffs, some of whom, doubtless, are at work among us already.

Why Hitler and Stalin want to spare us the expense and bother of protecting ourselves we simply haven't the moral purity to understand. Steeped in cynicism and suspicion, we assume that anyone who goes around waving a gun at us intends to do us great bodily harm. Some people are dumb that way.

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Gentlemen of the War Dept or The F.B.I

Dear Sirs:

For the past several nights Mr. Westbrock Pegler has had in his Column letters on the order of the enclosed.

If these things are true (and I'm sure they must be if Mr. Pegler writes them) then why isn't something done to stop such conditions at once?

I'm certainly very much against having my son give up his job and spend his life under the guise of

democracy to protect of Mr. Roosevelt's people! There is no use voicing any objection

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it is the job of the F.B.I.  
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Respectfully Yours

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Friday, November 27, 1942

New York

## Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler

This letter comes from Philadelphia and gives some more reasons why it is not yet necessary to draft civilians, either men or women, for war work under compulsion:



"Here is one for the people and the army to know. Last night I came to work with three of my men missing so we tried to get a gang of five together to run the portable riveting machine. We finally got five men. There are five extra crane operators in the third shift that are absolutely not needed no how and also three riggers. They have nothing to do other than sleep the whole night and we get one man off the crane to stick rivets and one man to run the crane. The two crane men were willing to work so we just about got started when the crane foreman comes up and makes the rivet sticker who is a steady crane man go up on his job to run the crane and the other guy got off the crane and goes on another crane and goes to sleep. So we are short a man again while the four crane men go to sleep and the four riggers, the walking delegates, go off for a walk and the whole cause of this is thanks to our union steward who wouldn't let the men work off their jobs. He don't care if no tanks go out of this shop. You got to do what the union says. I wonder if anyone has told them that these tanks are to lick the Axis with. They are wanted in a hurry and plenty of them.

"Well, we finally got started but the night assistant foreman had to stick the rivets while the riggers and crane operators were in a circle having their half-hour's chat across from where we were

working and then went on a tour of the plant as usual. This plant is a joke. The management can't run it and the union is running it to suit themselves. A few more places like this one and we are a second France. Why don't the army take interest in this place of sabotage, that's what I call it? There I am sitting on the tank so finally my boss come up to see what is the matter. I told him so he said he might as well stick rivets. It is no use to have trouble with the union. The reamer told me he would hold on whether the steward likes it or not and he did.

"The men are willing to work but look at who stops you. The union, and some bosses that cater to this low type of sabotage. They don't have the brains enough to see that they are not hurting the company but the government and the men that are fighting. That's plain murder while our men are fighting to protect unions and these same unions won't stand by the men that are fighting to save them from Hitler and Tojo.

"If the boss had been busy I would have to loaf the whole night just because the union said. Do you think I should belong to a union like that? I did but I quit if a long time ago. What we do, be 100 per cent for the union like France. The people of France listened to the union and today their union is the strongest in the world only the head of it is in Berlin. They get overtime they want now.

"I'm only one that has given up the union account of this war and not the only one. I am sick of Roosevelt playing politics through labor by giving labor all the rights above the safety of the country. No state showed Mr. Roosevelt when it stands on racket labor and his New Deal and state don't want any more either.

"You can pick this letter apart and print it or as is."

I have received about five pounds of such mail from individual workers in various parts of the United States in the last year, the whole effect of which is a conviction that there is no manpower shortage in the United States that could not be relieved by honest and conscientious use of energy ability and equipment.

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Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge your letter of recent date, together with the enclosed newspaper clipping.

Inasmuch as the subject matter of your communication is of interest to the Office of Military Intelligence, I am taking the liberty of forwarding copies of it to that branch of the War Department.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Hoover, -

Look in Who's Who if you need to know who I am; for I have long since come to the important conclusion I am laying before you about the most dangerous man in the United States.

You recall how a head of the one-time "I.W.W." was deported years ago and thereby killed that Traitorous body. That is precisely what should be done at once with John L. Lewis, the most dangerous man in America, and one who, if successful, would be to the United States what a paper-hanger is to Europe! He works the same way as head of a strategic but equally dangerous body, so long as he is its head.

I am enclosing an expression of my opinion voiced by a great columnist who has done more to reveal the dangerous character of this man and some of his followers than anybody else, and with a skill like that of your department. Make no mistake about me, for I am an independent Republican, one who voted for Woodrow Wilson twice and would have voted for Grover Cleveland if I hadn't been a thousand miles from my voting place; for I am an American instead of a party man. As a historian for a half-century, whose volumes are authorities in every University, I can read what is happening today, and recognise an enemy submarine in free American waters.

Sincerely Yours

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Mr. Hoover, -

John L. Lewis

I know who I am, and, for I have long since come to the important conclusion I am laying before you about the most dangerous man in the United States. You recall how a head of the one-time S.W. W. was deported years ago and then killed that traitor's body. That is precisely what should be done with John L. Lewis, the most dangerous man in America, and one who, if successful, would be to the United States what a paper-hanger is to Europe. I am enclosing an expression of my opinion by a great columnist who has done more to reveal the dangerous character of this man at some 1000 followers than anybody else, and with a skill like that G. L. C.

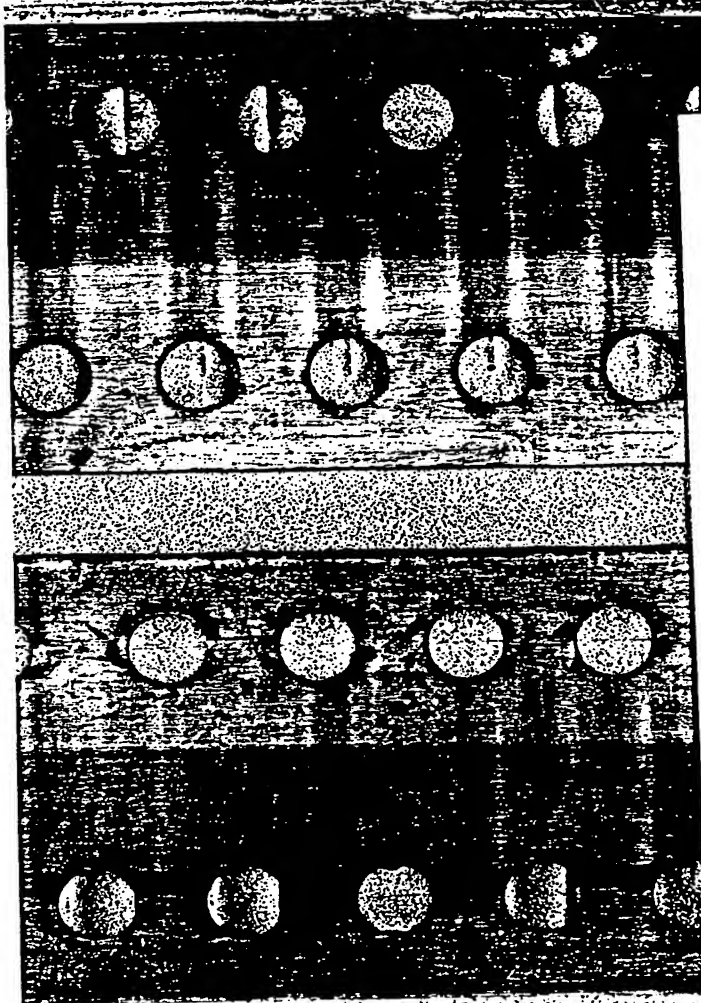
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Dear [REDACTED]

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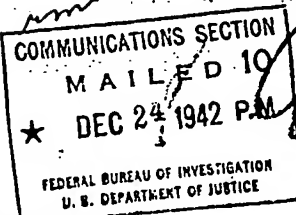
Please be assured that I have noted with interest and care the content of your letter and its enclosure and I want you to know that it will be made a matter of record in our official files.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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Sent this something  
you can do to have this harib  
fellow Pegler, "lay off" criticiz-  
ing Mr. Mrs Roosevelt?  
I consider it nothing short  
of treason & sabotage &  
is doing our cause terrible  
harm - If instead of writing  
this trash, he had been  
drafted & put in the army -  
he is a stacker & even worse  
Please shut him up -

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## SALARY LAW

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

President Roosevelt has said that the press has given the public an erroneous impression of Mrs. Roosevelt's Communist decree limiting salaries to \$25,000 a year.

The fact is that nobody can understand the damn thing and when it is considered against its shady background, suspicion naturally occurs, that it was purposely made confusing and ambiguous, so that those affected would be thrown to the discretion of the nasty little shysters, masters of many clever little schemes having the color of legality, who customarily interpret tax laws, regulations and rulings, according to their own whims. Within 24 hours after the President's attempt to blame the press for this probably intentional ambiguity, moreover, the Treasury admitted that Mrs. Roosevelt's decree left many questions unanswered and advised all concerned, when in doubt, to consult the nearest stabilization office.

There are some facts about Mrs. Roosevelt's decree, however, concerning which nobody can have the slightest doubt.

### LACKS SANCTION OF CONGRESS

The most important is that this regulation not only lacks the sanction of the United States Congress, but flouts the expressed intent of Congress. Senators George and Vandenberg have said this. Another is that it was lifted out of the platform of the Communist party of 1928 by the same CJO union which struck at the North American aviation plant to sabotage this nation's war preparations before Hitler struck Russia, boosted by Mrs. Roosevelt and then proposed to Congress by the President. And a third is that it isn't a law at all, but a decree.

Arthur Krock of The New York Times called the turn on the latest development a few days after the first objections were heard against the inequalities of Mrs. Roosevelt's decree. He wrote from Washington that criticism on the ground that it did not affect unearned income was just what its authors wanted, suggesting that the next move would be to limit all income, which was the broader proposal of the Communists in 1928. Sure enough, soon after Mrs. Roosevelt's return from her mission of vital importance to England, which doubtless will shorten the war by at least a year, she expressed regret that her decree applied to money earned by personal services alone and, sure enough, in the familiar sequence, the President has expressed a wish that Congress see to this.

### QUOTES REMARK BY MRS. ROOSEVELT

There is an admission, possibly inadvertent but certainly convincing, of her authorship of this decree in a remark by Mrs. Roosevelt quoted in a Washington dispatch of the United Press on Nov. 23. The United Press said she had been disturbed to learn that private income from investments was not affected by the limitation and added, "I was assured we would tax that, too." Mrs. Roosevelt did not say who assured her or who, but Congress had any right to give her that promise, nor explain whom she meant by "we," but this remark is further evidence that Mrs. Roosevelt does consider herself to be one of the rulers of the American people. Does anybody give such advance assurances to Mrs. George Spelvin, the wife of the average American?

Personal experience teaches people that the tricky and devious man can get by only just so long. After that those who know him are on their guard, and this reaction occurred when the House Ways and Means Committee turned down a request for Presidential authority to suspend the immigration laws, another idea expressed in the Communist platform of 1928.

Attorney General Biddle's explanation that this authority was necessary to facilitate visits of important officials of allied governments and to eliminate the payment of \$8 per head on prisoners of war brought here for internment, could have had no effect but to heighten suspicion, because nobody will believe that Winston Churchill, for example, was put through the mill like any ordinary person, or that any bureaucrat so silly as to collect a head tax on captives of war deserves to hold his job. In any case, even granting the preposterous suggestion that these were the real reason for asking this authority, the honest way would have been to ask for laws to such specific effect, not for authority to let in all the Communists of Europe.

### WAR-WORKING WOMAN

A woman in St. Louis is doing the following war work:

- She is studying to be a nurse's aid.
- She is a female Comptroller.
- She is an aircraft spotter.
- She is an air raid warden.
- She is head of the local salvage drive.
- And she is now taking a course in chemical warfare.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

I am attaching hereto a copy of a letter addressed to Mrs. Roosevelt by [REDACTED] concerning [REDACTED]

The President spoke to me about this with [REDACTED] at the White House on December 10th, and stated that [REDACTED] had advised [REDACTED] that he is in possession of certain information concerning Westbrook Pegler proving the fact that Pegler is either in contact with Nazi sources or obtained certain information therefrom. [REDACTED] in his letter to [REDACTED] according to the President, was willing to turn over this information to the proper authority. b-6 (1)

I wish that you would immediately arrange for a competent Agent of our Philadelphia Office to contact [REDACTED] and secure from him whatever information he has concerning this matter.

Very truly yours

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Attachment

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The letter I am sending you concerning Pealer's dealing with the Nazis was sent me by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Now he is making tanks at Baldwin Locomotive, although he has an income sufficient for his wife and baby. His motive in sending on this information, which could have come only through his union work. I presume must be pure patriotism. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I had all of them with me this summer in my little house on the mountain at Hillburn. For all this scattered information forgive me but I am passing it on to show you that I do not believe him to be capable of starting a furor over something of no importance.

The letter is of course very informal but he did not expect it to be passed on in the original. I think it is more convincing that way.

Anyway here it is if it can be of any use on a very important issue. I am at present working [REDACTED] around the plants. There is very confused jurisdiction and most of the teachers were to be W.P.A. Somehow I hope it will untangle because there is a great demand.

Two weeks ago I mailed the President the drawings I made of the Hyde Park Sleigh. I wondered afterward whether he would ever get them in all the millions of items that must arrive in his mail.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

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Letter to [REDACTED] 12/22/42  
and [REDACTED] 12/31/42  
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Dear [REDACTED]

I am sick-a-bed with grippe or something & so write you. I have more or less in hand a story proving that West. Pegler gets some of his material from out & out Nazis. If you can get this story into hands where it will count it would be important. I am, unfortunately, unable to release the story at will, but if you could establish a definite & specific place where the story could go - i.e. among gov't or similar people - I could submit this to the people in charge of the investigation and they would probably allow it to go thru. It is very important for revealing the Nazi nature of the defeatist & reactionary opposition to FDR and the war effort. So please work on it & let me know pronto if there is it is not gossip, but must go where it will yield results. There are affidavits and the affair is in the hands of a large & important union. Also maybe you could try [REDACTED] & see if the OWI is interested in exposing Pegler. The reason I suggest this is that the union is not pressing the case from the national viewpoint & so is not especially seeking a wide publicity, but if they could be shown that the nation win-the-war forces want to do something about it, they would go ahead. They apparently do not see much further than Pegler the Union-buster. Please let me know about possibility as soon as you can Love [REDACTED]

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Letter to [REDACTED]

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 11, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR

HON. J. EDGAR HOOVER

The President directs me  
to send you the enclosed. He  
forgot to give it to you yester-  
day.

*Grace G. Tully*  
GRACE G. TULLY  
Private Secretary

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*Memo Mr. Tamm  
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Memo to Gen. Water  
12/22/42  
J. Edgar Hoover*

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Mr. Tolson.....  
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DIRECTOR



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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 18, 1942

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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: WESTBROOK PEGLER

Informant

Reference is made to the note from the President's secretary to the Director dated December 11, 1942, furnishing him a letter addressed to Mrs. Roosevelt by [REDACTED] with which the latter enclosed a letter addressed to her by the informant indicated above.



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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

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ACTION: [REDACTED] advised that pursuant to my request, he would immediately send the detailed memorandum prepared by the Agent air mail, special delivery marked to my attention. Immediately upon receipt of this, a summary will be prepared for the Director.

Respectfully,

*J. K. Mumford*  
J. K. Mumford



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**  
December 21, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WELCH

RE: [REDACTED]

Alleged Nazi sources utilized by  
Westbrook Pegler

In connection with the entitled matter, it will be remembered that The Worker for December 20, 1942, carried an article indicating that Westbrook Pegler was utilizing Nazi sources in his column. Particularly in this regard the article stated that a letter which had been incorporated in Pegler's column had been traced to one Andrew Hercha, an employee of the Baldwin Company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who was determined to entertain pro-Nazi sentiments.

[REDACTED]

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Respectfully,

E. P. Morgan

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DIRECTOR WESTBROOK PEGLER, RESEARCH. A HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL AND RELIABLE  
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STORY CONCERNING PEGLER AND A WORKER IN THE THOUSAND COPIES REPRINT OF THIS  
LOCAL COMMUNIST OFFICIALS REQUESTED ONE THOUSAND COPIES THAT PUBLICATION  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
4058 United States Court House  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

December 17, 1942

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

SPECIAL ATTENTION: MR. J. K. MUMFORD

RE: WESTBROOK PEGLER

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions telephonically given Special Agent [REDACTED] by Mr. J. K. MUMFORD of the Bureau this morning, there are being transmitted herewith copies of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent [REDACTED] concerning his efforts to interview [REDACTED] and information pertaining to that individual.

Also transmitted are copies of the memorandum of Special Agent [REDACTED] summarizing information contained in the Philadelphia Field Office files pertaining to [REDACTED]

The information relating to [REDACTED] was furnished to Mr. MUMFORD by telephone on this date. At that time Mr. MUMFORD stated that he would take the necessary steps to have [REDACTED] conduct any desired investigation in that territory.

Yours truly,

J. F. SEARS  
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMO FOR THE SAC  
RE: WESTBROOK PEGLER

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Respectfully submitted,

*Richard W. Wright*

RICHARD W. WRIGHT  
Special Agent

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Philadelphia, Pa.  
December 17, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RE: WESTBROOK PEGLER  
RESEARCH MATTERS

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In accordance with instructions telephonically given Special Agent [redacted] by Mr. J. K. MUMFORD of the Bureau, this morning, Special Agent [redacted] and the writer attempted to contact [redacted] for the purpose of procuring information in his possession relative to the above captioned individual.

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**MEMO FOR THE SAC,  
RE: WESTBROOK PEGLER**

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In the afternoon of this day, a summary of the above information was telephonically furnished to Mr. MUMFORD by Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office.

Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully submitted,  
*Richard W. Wright*  
 RICHARD W. WRIGHT  
 Special Agent

**RICHARD W. WRIGHT**  
**Special Agent**

RTW: KJF  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 31, 1942.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

At the President's suggestion  
I am sending you the enclosed letter. I  
have had several from [REDACTED] along  
the same lines and may have sent you one  
or two before.

Very sincerely yours,

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Most of my mail has wandered about from place to place because people left out [REDACTED] A lovely wreath of partidge berries from [REDACTED] enclosed a note telling me that you were interested in the Baldwin affair.

Unfortunately it took nine days to get here, then I was not at home to receive it when it came because I am working a two jobs now one for my living and one for love. [REDACTED]

This is the story --

Pegler printed a letter from a "tank worker" on the 27th of November. It was bitterly anti-union and anti-administration. The tank worker boasted of how Pegler had asked him to do it and was located by the union at Baldwin. He was fired from the Pennsylvania Railroad as a boasting Pro-Nazi of the "Jew" Roosevelt and wishing Hitler were here type so well known to us all. The Union turned the matter over to the F.B.I. last week. They may crack down on the man himself but I have a sorry hunch that the Peglers always get by for the same reason that the Coughlins, Camerons and Walshes do.

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I hope to get down to Philadelphia soon and can probably track down more by going to [REDACTED] is back there and would help if he could since he knows many Baldwin workers.

I had planned to go down this week for a wedding and meant to follow this up. [REDACTED]

I shall leave it soon for something better I hope but am glad to have experienced piece work somewhere else than in novels. I shall let you or [REDACTED] know at once if I can find out either the man's name or where Pegler knew him and I think I can. I have tried as well as I could by long distance and with such long hours of work to prevent the story coming out first in the Sunday Worker which was planned by the Union maybe because it was the only place they could get. My point is not a criticism of that paper but that it reached so few and can be read as source material by only you with the rush of bringing more Pegler wrath. I can arrange for more direct contact with a reliable Union source for you by going to Philadelphia. I am sure and will try to make it this week. There are affidavits from Baldwin workers as to the man's Bund connections. He was obviously a stupid boaster and tool.

Sincerely yours,  
[REDACTED]

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I want to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 11, 1942, transmitting at the suggestion of the President a letter received by you from [REDACTED]. It is noted [REDACTED] refers to a letter, stated to be bitterly anti-union and anti-administration, which Westbrook Pegler caused to be printed on November 27, 1942. The author of this letter, according to [REDACTED] is indicated to be pro-Nazi and on the basis of affidavits prepared by "Baldwin workers" to have Nazi connections.

Appropos of this matter, the President in our conversation on December 10, 1942, advised me of a letter received by you from [REDACTED] had, in turn, received a communication from [REDACTED] indicating that the latter was in possession of certain information concerning Pegler. This information was stated [REDACTED] to be of such character as to prove that Pegler gets some of his material from "out and out Nazis."

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I hope that the foregoing information will be of assistance to you in considering the substance of [REDACTED] letter

Mrs. Roosevelt

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which I am returning to you herewith.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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December 26, 1942

THE DIRECTOR

RE: [REDACTED]

Alleged Nazi sources utilized by  
Westbrook Pegler

Reference is made to your memorandum of December 14, 1942, directed to Mr. Tamm advising that in conversation with the President on December 10, 1942, he had indicated that [REDACTED] had written Mrs. Roosevelt concerning a letter which she had received from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] letter indicated that he was in possession of certain information which would establish Westbrook Pegler is either in contact with Nazi sources or obtains information therefrom. [REDACTED]

It should be noted that [REDACTED] who referred letter to Mrs. Roosevelt, has [REDACTED]. She has been associated with numerous Communist front organizations, notably [REDACTED].

In addition to these groups, [REDACTED] has been associated with numerous civil liberties organizations and has acted as a speaker on behalf of these groups. [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED]  
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Mr. [REDACTED]  
Mr. [REDACTED]

It is interesting to note in this regard that The Worker, Sunday edition of the Communist Party vehicle The Daily Worker, for December 20, 1942, carries an article by Walter Lowenfels Mr. Coffey captioned "Pegler Uses Hitler-Admirer's 'Ammunition' to Attack Arms Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
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Workers." In the course of this article it is indicated that a former employee of the Baldwin Company in Philadelphia, one Andrew Hercha, was known to be pro-Nazi and as it had developed, to have written a letter which was incorporated in Pegler's column. This article, photostatic copies of which are attached, indicated that the FBI may be investigating this individual.

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Attached for your approval is a letter to General Watson supplying a memorandum [REDACTED] together with a photostatic copy of the article which appeared in the Worker for December 20, 1942. Also transmitted to the White House is a copy of Pegler's column as it appeared in the Washington Daily News for November 28, 1942, and which is believed to be the article incorporating the letter allegedly written by a pro-Nazi individual. Inasmuch as [REDACTED] letter was referred to Mrs. Roosevelt by [REDACTED] no statement is being made concerning her association with Communist front organizations in referring this information to General Watson. [REDACTED]

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

Attachment

# Pegler Uses Hitler-Admirer's 'Ammunition' to Attack Arms Workers



PEGLER

By WALTER LOWENFELS  
(Special to The Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—The poison pen of Westbrook Pegler has become a favorite weapon of pro-Nazis in this country.

Documents in possession of *The Worker* proving how Pegler's column has become a forum for pro-Nazi elements will be made available to the proper authorities.

Pegler's attacks upon every phase of the war effort have the earmarks of just the type of propaganda which, the Office of War Information has so frequently warned, emanates from Hitler sources.

The statements in the possession of *The Worker* show just how pro-Nazis use Pegler's columns and how Pegler uses their material. They concern Pegler's source for

one of the letters from war plants which has been featuring in his recent columns with the idea of inciting opposition to unions.

*The Worker* has learned that the FBI is investigating one of the pro-Nazis whose material Pegler featured as that of a loyal American. Many people may well ask if Pegler himself should not be investigated for propaganda that so closely fits in with the pattern of the pro-Nazis.

In Philadelphia, Pegler's column is featured by *The Inquirer*, which in many other ways supports our war effort. On Nov. 27 Pegler's column carried the head: "PHILADELPHIA WORKER COMPLAINS ABOUT UNION

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# Pegler Uses Pro-Nazi To Attack Workers

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**'SABOTAGE'.** Practically the whole column is given over to what purports to be a bonafide letter from a worker in a Philadelphia tank shop. The letter is a vicious attack on the workers in the shop, the union, the administration, the plant, all in the typical, Pegler vein. One paragraph gives the usual Goebbels line, that the unions were responsible for the downfall of France.

Anyone who thinks that Pegler makes up such letters himself is mistaken. For this letter was a real letter from a real person.

## LONG SUSPECTED

It was not difficult to trace this treacherous pro-Nazi letter from Pegler's column to Baldwin's tank shop. For here, one Andrew Hercha, had long been suspected of pro-Nazism by the other workers. On being questioned by the Senior Shop Steward of his shift, he not only admitted but openly boasted that he had written the Pegler letter.

Who is Andrew Hercha, Pegler's correspondent in the Baldwin Army Tank Shop? Signed statements before witnesses, made by workers in the shop, tell the story.

Andrew Hercha had been previously fired from the Pennsylvania Railroad for pro-Nazi activities. At Baldwin's he is proven to have carried on a continuous Nazi propaganda. Here are some extracts, omitting the obscene language. Complete photostats are in the possession of The Worker:

"Andrew Hercha has stated that our President, Mr. Roosevelt was a Jew. . . and that he wasn't fit to run the country. . . He further stated that he much preferred Mussolini and Hitler's tactics to those of a President whom he continually referred to in a disparaging way as Mr. Rosenfeldt. . . He has mentioned several times that he used to work for the Penna Railroad and was fired on account of his pro-Nazi activities. . ."

## OFTEN LAUDED HITLER

Other statements verify that Hercha repeatedly stated that "we ought to have Hitler over here to run things," that "we ought to be under Hitler's rule, and 'Rosenstein,' our President was no good and a Jew lover. . ."

The complete story of Hercha cannot be told at this time. Members of Local No. 2443 United Steel Workers who obtained the incriminating statements, turned them over to the Baldwin company, who, in turn, have given them to the FBI. Hercha has disappeared from the plant.

But Pegler, the big shot, has not yet disappeared from the columns of The Inquirer, and the other papers throughout the country. Pegler is still permitted to act as the mouth-piece for other pro-Nazis to sabotage our war effort.

In a damaging statement, made by Pegler himself, in this very same column that contained the pro-Nazi Hercha letter, Pegler boasts, "I have received about five pounds of such mail from individual workers in various parts of the United States."

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My dear Mr. Hoover, -

I herewith enclose two  
more articles by Westbrook Pegler, the larger  
one from Collier WESTBROCK PEGLER

Sincerely,

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
F. B. I.  
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# Communism Accepted As Excuse for Crimes

**O**F LATE it seems that a kind of membership in the traitor's organization known as the Communist Party or a record of affiliation with avowed traitors of this group is one gloriously safe certificate of immunity from punishment for murder, arson, treason and other crimes.

The latest affair which supports such a belief is the release from prison of Alexander Hoffman, general manager of Local 133, Cleaners and Dyers of the C. I. O., by Charles Poletti, during Poletti's brief term as interim Governor of New York, after Hoffman had served less than eight months of a sentence for arson which was to have run for from two to four years.

## Case Established

There was absolutely no doubt that Hoffman was guilty of a crime which imperils the lives of innocent men and women and because of the vulnerability of innocent human beings and the cowardly strength of the act is placed among the most despicable offenses. In order to drive unwilling workers into an organization subject to the rule of Communism, which Attorney General Biddle has identified as a traitorous force in the United States, Hoffman conspired to start fires in dry cleaning plants, the intent being that the owners, for the sake of peace and immunity, would force the workers to join his union.

One witness against Hoffman testified that Hoffman said there would be "more" fires if he did not sign a union contract on behalf of a chain of dry cleaning stores. Hoffman appealed to the highest court of the State and lost and went to prison last May.

## Aided by Hillman

Sidney Hillman, a man whom President Roosevelt selected as a fit person to direct the war labor of the American people, was among those who interceded for Hoffman, whose union is affiliated with Hillman's. Hoffman returned to his office at union headquarters, said he had continued to hold union office during his imprisonment.

Poletti's action was surprising and irregular. He took advantage of his short term of less than one month as Governor, between the resignation of Herbert H. Lehman and the inauguration of Thomas E. Dewey, to turn on a dangerous torrent without warning either the judge or the Governor in the case of the New York parole authorities. In effect, he accepted the character references of Hoffman's own associates and of the dry cleaning industry which Hoffman had created in the New York State and which

was a threat to the lives of innocent men and women. Poletti's action was a direct result of the influence of the Communist Party, which was known to be the force behind Hoffman's release. The release of Hoffman was a direct result of the influence of the Communist Party, which was known to be the force behind Hoffman's release.

The most flagrant previous recognition of Communism as a ground for leniency to a criminal traitor was President Roosevelt's commutation of the sentence of Earl Browder, chief of the conspiracy against the United States, last spring. Although it was urged that Browder's sentence was too severe, the President rejected that claim and frankly injected politics into Federal justice in saying that Browder's sentence should be commuted to promote national unity.

## The Darcy Case

Previously, in San Francisco, Sam Darcy, alias Darcy, a Russian born in the Ukraine, was paroled from the bench by Judge Joseph Schenck, upon his conviction of perjury in a case in which his name was Darcy and that he was born in New York. Darcy, as he called himself, had had the opportunity to run for Governor and had fomented riots in the gutter of strikes. In August, 1933, while he was in Russia as a delegate to the Internationale, he was indicted. He was caught in Philadelphia in September, 1933, and extradited, after a struggle, in November, 1940. Six years after his indictment his trial began.

Judge Schenck, against Darcy's assurance that he would not advocate overthrow of the Government by violence, said he might remain a member of the Communist party which Attorney General Biddle has said is committed to that end.

## Murderers Paroled

Also in California, with the assistance of Gilbert I. Olson, the Governor, three murderers, officials of the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Tenders and Wrecking Association, were paroled after serving four years and 10 months of term up to life for producing the brutal murder of George Albert, chief engineer of the Steamship, the Lobos, who was beaten to death by hired assassins.

Albert had opposed the murders on his ship and the three murderers were convicted. The testimony of one of the three, to prove to the jury that the three had killed him and were guilty of the job. The witness who testified that he was convinced of the guilt of the three, was a man who had been a member of the Communist party.

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# THIEVES WITH UNION CARDS

By Westbrook Pegler

How Jimmy Petrillo and his musicians got away with it, and why our anti-trust laws, in effect, let a union take money for services not needed and sometimes not even performed

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THE editor who asked me to do this story started out something like this: "The decision of the United States District Court in the Petrillo case suggests to me that we ought to have an article explaining just how it is that the Wagner Act—"

Now the fact is that the Wagner Act is not the governing law in the Petrillo case. The Wagner Act is the New Deal law, miscalled Labor's Magna Charta, which is supposed to guarantee to workers the right to bargain collectively with their employers through agents of their own choice, but which, in fact, compels countless American citizens to accept bargaining agents (or unions), whom they detest and fear and who rob and otherwise abuse them with the connivance—indeed the active assistance—of the national government of their country. By a dangerous paradox, it denies the very right which it guarantees. It has bad faults, but it is not the law of

out of our consideration entirely. Obviously, he has no rights if it is held, as a matter of principle, that a picket line will be respected and the union upheld, regardless of the merits of the case.

A few months ago, Jimmy Petrillo decided that, after a certain date, no member of his union would be allowed to make recordings to be played over the radio or in public places. His object was to compel the employment of idle brothers.

Of course, he could not succeed in that, for he knew as well as everyone else that the little hamburger dancing spots around the Army camps and in the humbler neighborhoods of factory cities could not afford to substitute live musicians for juke-box records.

He knew equally well that many radio stations could not afford to hire live musicians. Already, most of these stations were employing, at union wages absurdly beyond the worth of the work,



the Petrillo case.

The Petrillo case is simply this: Jimmy Petrillo, of Chicago, is president of the American Federation of Musicians, commonly and hereinafter known as the Musicians' Union. It is a huge union with many good musicians among its membership and thousands of part-time or Saturday-night performers. It is a bad union and is at its worst in New York where incidentally it planted pickets in front of a theater to compel the management to employ pit musicians (for whom there was absolutely no need) because, in the course of the play, a phonograph record was used to furnish a few minutes of off-stage music. The pickets took their stations only a short time before Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt approached the theater with her political protégé, Joseph Lash, the inveterate youth, with tickets for the play.

#### The Picket-Line Question

Mrs. Roosevelt, without examining the merits of the controversy, refused to cross the picket line, thus publicly upholding the union's contention that the management was unfair to organized labor, although the theater was unionized from (as they say) the front of the house to the alley. The house staff, the stage crew and the actors were all union members, and there was not even a pretense of a controversy on any subject between the management and any employee. No musicians were employed and, therefore, no musician could be at odds with the management in the relation of employee and employer.

Thus, Mrs. Roosevelt took a position plainly unfair to the organized laborers who were employed by the show because, had the picket line closed the attraction, they would have been thrown out of work in an occupation which is spotty at best. The employer can be left

individuals known as pancake turners, whose only duty is to put the record on the machine and click the lever.

This decree of Jimmy Petrillo stirred great excitement in Washington. Elmer Davis, of the Office of War Information, uttered a cry of alarm for the morale of the Armed Forces and the toiling civilians of the war industries. James L. Fly, the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, which governs the radio industry, came to the incidental defense of the employers, meaning the owners of the radio stations.

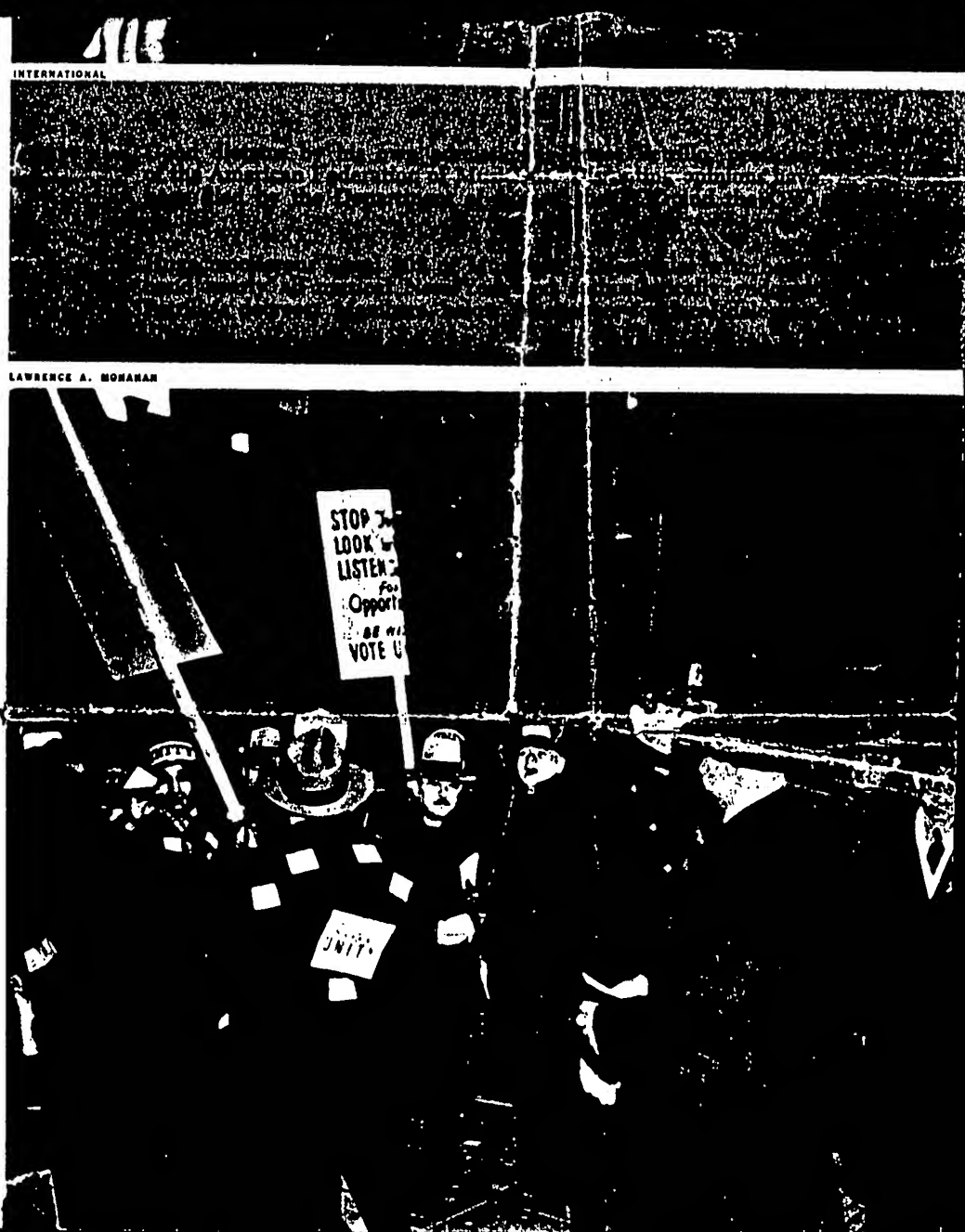
"Any time when significant public-service programs are shut down from the air," he said, "we have a breakdown in the very services for which such stations are licensed to serve to the public."

He added that, as everyone including Jimmy Petrillo knew, the many smaller stations with little local talent available, would be up against it. Jimmy's decree meant that these stations would have to import from other cities and support in idleness numbers of Jimmy's subjects as stand-by performers, their wages to be the price of permission to continue the use of recordings. For, Mr. Fly said, the smaller stations devoted sixty per cent of their time to recorded music.

Soon thereafter, Thurman Arnold—poor old Thurman, in charge of the Anti-trust Division of the Department of Justice, who is always being thrown for a loss by the United States Supreme Court in union cases—decided to challenge Jimmy. He carefully prepared and brought into the United States District Court in Chicago, which is Jimmy's home town, an appeal for an injunction under the Sherman Law. This is the law which forbids combinations and conspiracies in restraint of interstate commerce.

As originally interpreted by the courts, the Sherman Law was used to handcuff

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## Thieves with Union Cards

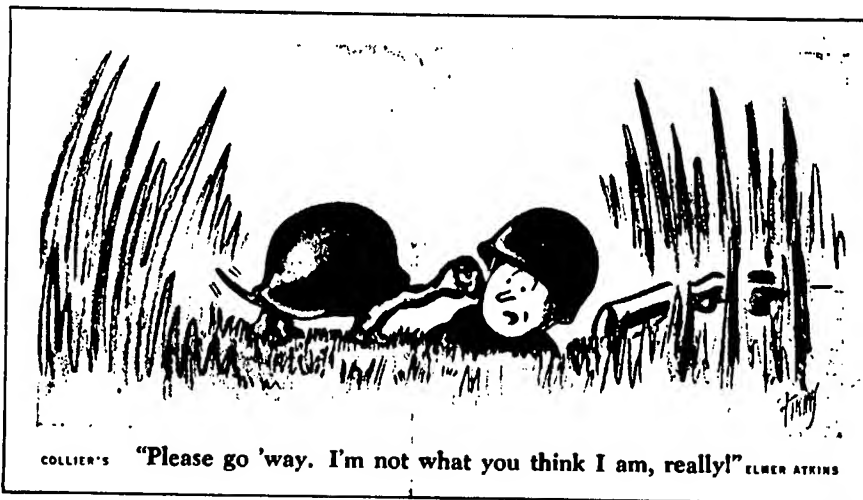
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unions in legitimate fights against unfair employers. A union which was entirely in the right would persuade another union, say the Teamsters, to refuse to deliver raw materials to or cart away finished products from the plant of the unfair company. In addition, it would ask union men everywhere to boycott the company's product.

This, plainly, was a combination and conspiracy in restraint of interstate commerce, but to enjoin such conduct or punish it as a crime apparently had not been the original intent of Congress. Or, if it had been the original intent, then a more enlightened Congress had seen the injustice of the Sherman Law. Therefore, further laws were passed, modifying the Sherman Law with the stated purpose of correcting this condition. Unions now had the right to interfere with interstate commerce, provided a legitimate labor dispute existed and provided the union acted in the interests of its own members and did not conspire with one employer to ruin another.

Thus empowered, certain unions themselves became the oppressors in many cases, and early in his administration of the Antitrust Division, Thurman went after several of them in criminal proceedings under the Sherman Law. The first case to reach the Supreme Court was the one known as the Carpenters' case.

In this one, Arnold proved that the Carpenters' Union and the Machinists' Union, both members of the American Federation of Labor, agreed in writing to a certain division of the work of dis-



COLLIER'S "Please go 'way. I'm not what you think I am, really!" ELMER ATKINS

they went to work. Jimmy insisted that he was within his rights.

Padway knows the laws pertaining to unions. He ought to. Congress consults his wishes and defers to them, notwithstanding the fact that he was special counsel to George Scalise, the Brooklyn-Chicago underworld racketeer of the Capone-Nitto mob and counsel for the union of movie and theatrical employees during the heyday of the malodorous crew of extortioners headed by Willie Bioff and George Browne.

But Padway had the law on his side and when Arnold went into court before Federal Judge John P. Barnes, in Chicago, late last September, the judge shut him off before he could finish what he

had to say, with the obvious judgment that, under the Supreme Court decision in the Carpenters' case, Petrillo was within his rights.

Although Judge Barnes did not say so, because the Carpenters' decision was sufficient guidance and justification for his decision, the dictum of the Supreme Court in another reversal of Thurman Arnold was involved. That was the one called the Teamsters' case.

In that one it was proved that the Teamsters' Union of New York waylaid trucks entering the city with goods in interstate commerce and, like common brigands, compelled the owners to pay tribute. The rate was \$9.42 for each large truck and \$8.41 for each small truck

entering the city. guest drivers actually and drive to the destination. In others their services were refused they were paid anyway. And, as the Supreme Court said, "in several cases, the jury could have found that the defendants . . . refused to work for the money when asked to do so."

The law under which Arnold prosecuted the union is known as the Anti-racketeering Act, which contains a proviso inserted by the American Federation of Labor stipulating that money obtained as wages from a bona fide employer to a bona fide employee must not be regarded as money obtained by extortion. Of course such wages would not be illegal tribute. But the Supreme Court, in a shocking opinion delivered by Justice James Byrnes, held that a highwayman becomes an employee if he but offer his services, even though he refuses in the end to perform the services for the money. So a robber who holds a union card may stick you up and beat you up and be innocent of racketeering if he remembers to say "I want a job driving your car 100 yards."

### Stick-ups Approved

Here is what Justice Byrnes said on that: "The doubtful case arises where the defendants agree to tender their services in good faith to an employer and to work if he accepts their offer but agree further that the protection of their trade union interests requires that he should pay an amount equivalent to the prevail-



Brewing Company in St. Louis and that the Carpenters, repudiating their solemn treaty, demanded for their own members certain jobs, which, by agreement, had been handed over to the Machinists. Arnold argued, and, of course, with absolute truth, that the Carpenters were preventing the company from carrying out its contract with the Machinists. And he showed that the Carpenters had lied to their members and to the public in declaring the company to be unfair to organized labor. The company was caught in the middle and was powerless.

#### Justice Frankfurter's Opinion

Thurman had good reason to think he had saddled a winner but the Supreme Court, in an opinion delivered by Justice Felix Frankfurter, set him down. The opinion was a combination of ideological wind and fog and probably would defy the efforts of most laymen to understand it. But, in general effect, it held that Congress had meant to permit such unprovoked injuries to non-combatant companies, to excuse unions from the fulfillment of their obligations, and that deliberate and injurious lying about innocent parties was permissible as familiar union practice. Of course, it is familiar union practice, but this was the first time the doctrine had been presented to the American people that Congress had intended to endorse it.

However, Thurman thought the Petrillo case was different, although considerable editorial opinion predicted that he would lose because the decision and the doctrine of the Carpenters' case covered exactly the same ground.

Meanwhile, Jimmy hired Joseph Padway, the general counsel of the American Federation of Labor and of seven international unions in the Federation and special counsel to numerous others, and



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"I just told her the name of that new perfume!"

DAVE GERARD

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ing wage even if he rejects their proffered services. We think that such an agreement is covered by the exception." In other words, he thinks such conduct was approved by Congress.

Of the 72 original defendants in this case, incidentally, 27 had police or criminal records and there was one case in which a regular driver who, for his own safety and that of the public, refused to let a drunken guest driver take the wheel, and was beaten up.

Well, this opinion ratifies the so-called stand-by principle which was the basis of Jimmy Petrillo's action. The stand-by principle gives a union the right to extort money from an employer for services not performed even though there is no need for such services.

So, you see, the Wagner Act is not the law immediately concerned in the famous Petrillo case. The laws which govern are the Clayton and Norris-La Guardia acts which modified the Sherman Antitrust Law.

Under these two opinions the public and the employer, indeed, even the workers on the wrong end of a raid by a union have no rights and no chance.

What about Petrillo, himself? Well, Petrillo isn't so bad. He is an amusing little roughneck who gets about \$80,000 a year in salary, expenses and perquisites, and is, to my almost certain knowledge and to my strong conviction, not a crook. He is several cuts above many other union bosses of the A. F. of L. and the Congress of Industrial Organizations, and he says he is a good dictator.

It is not for him to say whether he is a good or a bad dictator, but that he is a dictator, nobody can deny. For the constitution of the American Federation of Musicians leads off with a proviso that the president, meaning Jimmy, may suspend any part of it at will and substitute therefor any desire of his own.

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Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 4, 1943, with enclosures.

The content of your letter and the enclosures has been carefully noted. Your interest in making this material available to me is indeed appreciated. Should you obtain any further information which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, please feel free to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 4058 United States Court House, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

January 14, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a column written by Mr. Westbrook Pegler which appeared in our papers and since it is a syndicated column, doubtless appeared in papers all over our country. In case you have not read it, I wish you would read it very carefully.

I cannot understand why a loyal American citizen would write such a column, and if he is writing this way, he must be thinking and talking this way which I feel sure is not for the best interests of our country in these times.

While I believe in free speech and a free press, I do not think it is helpful to have anyone ridiculing our laws (I take it that a ruling of the O. P. A. is a law because of the powers given them) and likewise ridiculing the law enforcements agents as he does in this article.

I am prompted to send this to you because I believe so firmly that every citizen of our land should be willing to do everything we are asked to do in these days, and if this is the kind of propaganda that the writer of this article is using, I feel that some steps should be taken to curb both his writing and his talking.

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Yours very truly,

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# Pegler Views With Alarm "Hitlerian Devices"

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

New York.—"Obvious evidence of the misuse of gasoline, such as the presence of a passenger car at a race track or other place of amusement, including motion picture theatres," says Leon Henderson, "may result in the immediate seizure of the driver's gasoline ration book."

Pals, it is here, within a little over a year it has come to this.

Now, the shortage of petroleum is one thing and whether it is due in part to mismanagement by the national government is a question aside. The fact that the shortage, whether it is unavoidable or the result of inefficiency, is to be made the excuse for Hitlerian devices by, among and against the American people is the subject of today's lesson.

Who is going to seize the ration book? Is a city policeman going to frisk the driver, man or woman, forcibly, if he or she resists, and take it away? Will there be little block or precinct squads of Brown Shirt busybodies under gauleiters, on the prowl to seize books from individuals? Especially from individuals whom they do not like, to whom they may owe money, or whom they have selected for blackmail?

Suppose the citizen tells the policeman or the Brown Shirt to go to hell and refuse to give up his book. Does he then lose all rations and become an outcast?

That book is the citizen's own property. It was issued to him by right, not as a special favor from the rationing board, the OPA or the government.

The fact that a car is parked at or near a race track or movie house is not, as the OPA says "obvious evidence" of the misuse of gasoline.

A cardholder may live near the track or movie house. He may have a mission to sell hay, oats or insurance to someone at the track. Nobody has any right to challenge him on sight and demand that he explain his business in any locality. And he has a right to refuse to explain and to retain his card, unless the challenging authority assumes the burden of proof and presents the proof to some qualified authority.

Even then, the premise is doubtful and dangerous because unless there is evidence of the violation of some law of conduct no American should be expected to come to attention and tell anyone why he is where he is. He is entitled to

his day in court, and if the courts do not go crazy they will refuse to entertain charges against any man based on the mere fact that his car was parked at a track or movie or elsewhere.

Elsewhere the order says: "The ban on pleasure driving will apply also to purely social engagements."

Who is going to know, and how, whether an engagement is purely social?

Household servants would, and Mrs. Roosevelt recently sent greetings to a newly organized union of household servants, who, in Germany, became effective terroristic secret agents of the Gestapo by reporting private household conversations and comments. Mrs. Roosevelt, speaking of rationing and hoarding, also said it was wonderful "what your neighbors know about you."

That implies that neighbor will spy and squeal on neighbor ostensibly friend on friend, and conjures a situation in which all men must regard all others with suspicion as in the days of Hitler's rise, all with the objective of freedom and the brotherhood of all mankind.

If not servants, or if there is no servant in the house, how then is it to be concluded that a visit of one person to the home of another is purely social? And since when has that been part of the business of any public authority? Can the cops come in and require the guests to state the reasons for their visit and make their own decisions on the spot that they are social and for the purposes of the OPA, insufficient? Can the Brown Shirts come in without permission and question all present?

It may be true that it is wonderful "what your neighbors know about you" but it is true also that the neighbors, being human, may be envious, malicious, vengeful or not above operating a shakedown. In any case, it is no business of the government, the police or the neighbors what goes on in a private dwelling of a law-abiding American and this order of the OPA is an invasion of the home and the private life of the people.

Of course, these stipulations will be resented and denounced as an argument in favor of the waste of gasoline and the sacrifice of American lives in war in North Africa. That is a risk that must be taken however, in pointing out and resisting a lawless attempt to establish here, during the absence of the fighting men, the most fiendish element of the very thing that they are fighting to destroy.

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The First National Bank of Winston-Salem  
Corner Third and Liberty Streets  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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Dear [REDACTED]

The comments and observations set forth  
in your letter of January 14, 1943, have been noted  
with interest.

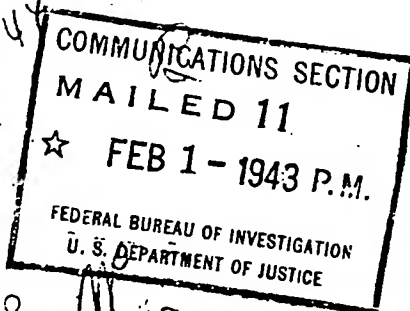
I wish to assure you that this matter will  
receive such consideration as the facts warrant.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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**Westbrook Pegler**

## Wagner Act to Blame For Anthracite Strike

**A**BOUT this strike of the Pennsylvania hard-coal miners against a boost of 50 cents a month in their union dues, the second strike of miners against their union, you will hear this and that confusing argument about side issues.

But if we are going to solve this thing we must start at the root of the trouble and the root is the evil, deceptive Wagner Act, a law to deliver the American workman into the hands of despotic and brutal union bosses which was put over on Congress and the people disguised as a law to protect workers from the greed and cruelty of employers.

### Wonderful Ballyhoo

The schemers who did this had the benefit of a wonderful ballyhoo. The act, which was a New Deal party measure, was tagged with the name of Senator Robert Wagner, and he did the heavy-duty dirty work of pushing it through but it was not a one-man concept or a one-man job. It was called labor's Magna Charta, although it was, in fact, a writ to enslave the people with the hope and intent, however, that the union bosses would more or less unanimously go along with the New Deal and that the workers thus would be held in close control by the party.

But it takes cool intelligence to analyze a proposal amid the emotional excitement and bitterness raised by such a demagogic and dishonest trick as this act was and moral courage to fight against it when all opposition is instantly and clamorously denounced as Toryism. So the people didn't begin to realize what had been done to them in the guise of a great favor until they suddenly felt the handcuffs on their wrists.

### May Cause Deaths

True, these coal miners are stopping the production of close on to half a million tons of fuel at a time when oil is terribly scarce and Eastern factories, office buildings and homes have converted from oil to coal on the assurance that coal would be abundant. They may cause some deaths among the civil population if not by freezing them by colds and pneumonia and, ultimately some loss of life among

the soldiers in Africa and the Pacific through insufficiency of weapons, explosives and all.

But these miners have their share of sons and brothers in the fight and they have no grudge against their country or their fellow-Americans. God only knows why any man would willingly become a coal miner. It is a terribly dangerous occupation and life in the coal fields is, at the very best, bleak, painful and hard.

They should not have struck at this time, but who made it necessary for them to strike?

### Turned Over to Lewis

Well, you say who it was that turned them over, body and soul, to John L. Lewis by way of the Wagner Act and you will have named those who are ultimately guilty of any tragic consequence of this strike.

Their boss, John L. Lewis, fixes their dues and assessments and does as he pleases with their money. Sometimes he squanders it on the organization of other unions, as in the case of the C.I.O., and other times he uses it to elect political candidates, as in the case of his contributions and loans to the Democratic party. In all cases, however, Lewis and his daughter and his brother, who draw big salaries and liberal expenses, are building power for themselves with the workers' money and the Wagner Act pointedly contains no provision to protect the miners from despotism.

### Fight Over Dues

In the present case, Lewis, by a process which he called a convention, voted to raise the dues 50 cents a month, a total of six million dollars a year, although the miners' treasury is swollen with idle millions. The miners involved in the strike balked.

No authority in the Wagner Act or any other law compels Lewis to run his union by those democratic processes which those who gave him this power profess to cherish.

"Organized despotism, the devices used by Hitler in occupied countries are resorted to in the 20 puppet districts over which John Lewis has complete domination," is the way Philip Murray describes Lewis' rule.

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J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

I am enclosing a clipping  
from the San Antonio  
Express of Jan. 15-43  
which seems to me should  
be a violation to say about  
our Commander in Chief at a  
time when our country is  
fighting for its life. Even if  
we do have free speech and  
free press, I think this is  
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one, shut the eyes and hold their  
noses against corruption in their  
neighbor unions, lest the crooked  
leaders of the offensive neighbors  
kick up political trouble in a lazy  
and complacent little club of high-  
salaried elder statesmen.  
That has been Mr. Tobin's own  
policy, and it will be noticed in the  
text of his own remarks to the  
convention which Mr. Roosevelt  
addressed that he was careful not  
to refer to crooks in other unions  
than his own and to say, incor-  
rectly, that the crooks in the  
teamsters' union were not many.  
In the big national body, the  
American Federation of Labor,  
just as in the national councils of  
President Roosevelt's party,  
thanks to their power to deliver

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## Some Can Travel By Rail or Auto And Some Cannot

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The common man, the little American, may have trouble reconciling the recent activities of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt with the commands and patriotic appeals addressed to him by those who have to do with the stretching of motor fuel and railroad transportation to meet the demand.

Last Tuesday night when other citizens had been warned that to park their cars near places of amusement would convict them of needless driving for pleasure, Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Morgenthau drove to a concert in Washington in one White House car and Mrs. Harry Hopkins drove up in another.

Since returning from her trip to Europe, Mrs. Roosevelt, who already had taken a recent swing around the West and a quick trip to Miami, has made half a dozen journeys to New York, and to Hyde Park for Christmas, and to Syracuse, now announces that next Monday she will leave for Montreal to speak at Russian relief meeting. Last Sunday John and Ann Boettiger, her son-in-law and daughter, arrived in Washington from Seattle, presumably for a family visit.

Criticized by "a number of people who seem to think that when I travel I do so for pleasure," Mrs. Roosevelt wrote on Dec. 3 that, although she finds many ways in which to enjoy herself on her travels, "no trip is undertaken without a serious purpose."

One of Mrs. Roosevelt's recent columns began, "Yesterday morning I slipped over to New York City for a few brief hours. I did not do anything special but had a look at my apartment and saw one or two good friends. We had some good talks and one came back on the train with me so I had a very pleasant day."

Another column, concerning another trip, said: "I spent yesterday in New York finishing up odds and ends of errands and seeing a few people whom I must see before Christmas. This morning I am on my way to Hyde Park to make all preparations for the Christmas parties there."

On still another visit to New York, Mrs. Roosevelt combined duty with pleasure, according to the O.P.A.'s official version of pleasure, by attending a play with her friend and political protege, Joseph Lash, the inveterate youth of 32, who is being schooled to lead American youth to a better world after the war. On another, the mission was strictly political, a dinner for a senator who was defeated by the process of democracy in the last election but took it very hard and, in his resentment against the will of the people, had the sympathy of many New Dealers. Still another New York visit had for its purpose attendance at the opening of a canteen for sailors of the Merchant Marine at which function she was photographed in a group including Joseph Curran, the president of the National Maritime Union, which, in common with the Communist party, opposed the American armament effort and picketed the White House until Hitler attacked Russia.

This, too, would seem to have been a mission not essential to the war effort, for the canteen could have been dedicated by local personalities, of whom there are a number on hand within walking distance.

### No Official Status

Inasmuch as Mrs. Roosevelt has constantly insisted that she is a private citizen with no official status on her travels, there appears in these activities of hers an inconsistency to baffle and trouble the ordinary private citizen.

Mrs. Roosevelt may sincerely believe that her missions are useful and, this being so, may honestly excuse herself for enjoying her trips. But a little American going to the town to do some shopping must not even go to a movie for incidental enjoyment lest he convict himself of driving for pleasure and lose altogether a means of transportation which is absolutely vital to him.

### New Tires for Shapiro

And, incidentally, although the case does not bear on Mrs. Roosevelt's conduct there is an indication of the working of the governing bureaucratic mind in an item in the Wilmington, N. C., News which said that Michael Shapiro, an organizer for the CIO, had been granted four new I-A tires for his car. The item said that Shapiro had qualified for a U-book and that to qualify for new tires an applicant must prove that he uses the car more than 1,000 miles a month in essential war-production work.

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## Faithful Political Burglar Ignored For Diplomatic Job

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—One afternoon during the New York State Democratic convention last fall, a distinguished political burglar of Albany sat in gloomy conversation with Mr. Ed Flynn, chairman of the national committee of the Party of Humanity and now ambassador-designate to Australia.

President Roosevelt, the labor fakery of the union wing, the sanctimonious idealists of the New Deal, and the more down-right and lowdown gorillas and porch-climbers of the party, in the same curious combination that had found a common theme of hypocrisy and practical politics in the third term convention in Chicago in 1940, were agreed again, this time on the singular fitness, for the office of governor, of that yardstick of mediocrity and paragon of harmlessness, Senator Jim Mead.

### Farley Wanted Bennett

Jim Farley, on the other hand, was determined to nominate John Bennett, the incumbent attorney general, for governor and things looked very bad for the Democrats of either group and very bright for Thomas E. Dewey.

Mr. Flynn allowed himself a somber speculation as to what Mr. Dewey might do to certain individuals if he were elected governor, a defeatist, if prophetic, speculation and unworthy of a great leader.

The Albany crook, a hard, unsentimental and realistic man shut him off.

"I will tell you what he will do," he said to Mr. Flynn. "He will toss me in the can, and he will reopen that little matter of the paving blocks on your country place away from it all. So boost that body of yours out of that chair and go on in there and nominate Jim Mead if you know what is good for all of us."

Senator Mead was not nominated, Mr. Bennett was defeated and in due time Mr. Dewey arrived in Albany, where, in the regular order of business, he undoubtedly will address himself to the public duty of tossing into the can for a term of years the Party of Humanity's local satrap whose perfidies, practiced in the name of Democracy and the four freedoms, Dewey discussed in some detail in campaign orations. There is no rush about it. Governor Dewey has more immediate business on his mind.

Mr. Flynn, however, may be spared further embarrassment in the matter of the paving blocks. Mr. Flynn has received the President's nomination as minister to the commonwealth of Australia and personal ambassador to the jungles, reefs, and waters of the South Pacific and this kindness, unless it is thwarted by the Senate, will not only make him personally unavailable for a renewed inquiry, but clothe him with a political and diplomatic immunity.

Should the Senate turn down Mr. Flynn, however, Mr. Roosevelt can honestly say he did his best and regretfully throw him to Mr. Dewey and the Republicans as meat on which to fatten themselves in training for the presidential contest of 1944.

It is sad, though, that the loyal Albany racketeer, diligent always, in his well known and cheerfully accepted way, to serve the Party of Humanity and smite and harass heretics within his province, should be left to face Governor Dewey without at least a gesture at deliverance. After all, according to his lights and to the borders of his domain, he served as faithfully as Eddie Flynn and he might be offered at least the job of minister to Costa Rica.

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January 21, 1943

Mr. Westbrook Pegler  
Scripps-Howard Newspapers  
230 Park Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Pegler:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated January 16, 1943.

With respect to your statement that I gave Mr. Winchell a break on a news story in Miami, I want to advise you that notwithstanding your assertion and belief in this matter, it is absolutely untrue.

With regard to your statement that I explained to a Miami newspaper man and to a superior in the Department of Justice that - was paying a debt to Mr. Winchell because he had conducted propaganda looking to an increase in the appropriation of this Bureau, irrespective of the identity of the newspaper man and of the superior referred to by you, I can most emphatically state, without any reservation whatsoever, that this is absolutely untrue.

I am, of course, not aware of the particular news release to which you refer, but to the best of my recollection the only case which I personally directed in the Miami area, and the details of which I discussed with Miami newspaper men, was the case involving the kidnapping and murder of the little Cash boy in 1938. The statements to the press concerning the solution of the Cash case were not held for Mr. Winchell or anyone else. As a matter of fact, the press conferences at which the details of this case were made public occurred on Thursday morning, June 9, 1938 and on Friday afternoon, June 10, 1938. Obviously, the furnishing of this information to the press on a Thursday and a Friday could not have benefited Mr. Winchell, who broadcasts on Sunday evenings.

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It is possible that the facts concerning this matter were misrepresented to you. If you did not refer to the Cash kidnaping case but referred to some other incident, I would appreciate your further identifying the specific case you have in mind in order that I might furnish you with the facts pertaining thereto.

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I was very glad to receive the information contained in your letter concerning Mr. Harry Hansen, of Chicago, and I note Mr. Hansen's statement to the effect that he was visited on January 6, 1943, by two Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have made a very thorough inquiry into this matter and can state to you that Mr. Hansen has not been interviewed by Special Agents of this Bureau in this matter. It is, of course, possible that he was interviewed by representatives of some other governmental organization recently, but most certainly it was not the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

Communications Section  
Jan. 21, 1943 P.M.

January 20, 1949

MR. TOLSON

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This case was called to the Bureau's attention as a result of a conference the Director had with the President on December 10, which was followed by a letter from Mrs. Roosevelt, which in turn was inspired by communications to Mrs. Roosevelt by [redacted] reflecting that [redacted] had information which would establish that Fogler obtained material from our and our basis.

Mr. Glor

Mr. G. 1942, carried an article entitled: "Pegler Uses Hitler-admirer's  
Mr. Laddmunition" to attack arms workers." This article was written by  
Mr. A. H. Lowenfels. The article related that Pegler had incorporated  
in a letter in his column by an individual identified by the Sunday  
T. A. G. as Andrew Heroka who had long been suspected of pro-Nazi  
C. A. the other workers. Lowenfels' article continued: "It was not  
Goffey difficult to trace this treacherous pro-Nazi letter from  
Hendon Pegler's column to the Baldwin tank shop." The Communists  
Kramer in Philadelphia are reported to have requested 2,000 copies  
McGuire of reprints of Lowenfels' article.

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On December 22, 1942, the Director furnished General Watson with [REDACTED] a photostatic copy of Pegler's column, and a photostat of the Daily Worker above referred to.

[REDACTED] in turn communicated with Mrs. Roosevelt about Pegler's article and referred to the tank worker.

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SAC Sears furnished me the following additional information over the telephone which ties into the Pegler matter particularly:

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[REDACTED] further stated that the January 1, 1943, issue of the publication of the National Maritime Union, in an article Pegler quotes Hitlerite to air own views, stated that

Pegler had allowed his column to be used by a poisoned penned pro-Nazi letter writer, that when the workers at the Baldwin plant read the letter in Pegler's column attacking them and their union, they immediately secured statements revealing the writer's true character, that a close examination of the signature revealed the writer as Andrew Hercha.

With reference to the story pertaining to Harry Hansen of Chicago, I wish to advise I have talked to SAC Drayton who made a check of the Agents' signout cards for January 6 since Hansen stated in his letter that he was visited by two Agents on that date. He has checked the supervisors, the indices, the stenographers and is unable to ascertain that Hansen was interviewed.

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As far as Hansen is concerned, I have checked our files which reveal he is a prolific letter writer. He is a man apparently about 77 years of age, is a reader of the Communist Daily Worker, is a habitual letter writer to the Chicago papers as well as to other publications. He was interviewed in 1936 on a routine matter and it is quite clear that he is quite Communist. His name appears as a member of the Book Committee for the American Society for Cultural Relations with Russia and he has been a frequent correspondent to the Bureau. So far as I can ascertain, we have only acknowledged one of his communications and then only in a very casual manner.

It is suggested that we ask Pegler if he would object to our interviewing Hansen inasmuch as it appears that Hansen is erroneous in his statements that he was interviewed by Agents.

It is my personal feeling that Hansen was interviewed by G-2 men or he saw the article in the Sunday Worker and being of a radical nature, fabricated the story to Pegler.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols

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SAC Seare states definitely he received no information from G-2. Secondly, that the first time it came to his attention was a call from Mr. Mumford which in turn was based upon Mrs. Roosevelt's letter.

b7C SAC Drayton just called to advise that a check with ONI, G-2, and the PMG in Chicago revealed no record [REDACTED] or Hansen.

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WESTBROOK PEGLER

SCRIPPS-HOWARD NEWSPAPERS

230 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK

January 16th  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This letter will deal with two matters.

First, in response to your letter of January 2nd, I would point out to you that it was not Michelson, but I, who made the statement that in Miami you held up news of public importance, etc. I didn't write, nor did I mean to convey an impression, that Michelson had said this.

I disagree with your ascertainment that this statement is incorrect. On the contrary, it is absolutely correct, and I am sure you recall giving your friend Winchell this break on a news release and the protest of the Miami Herald, which thus was unable to have the story in an edition which had to go down a few minutes earlier.

Your explanation that you were paying a debt to one who had conducted propaganda to compel Congress to increase your appropriation was made to two persons, one a Miami newspaper man and the other your superior in the Department of Justice. You know as well as I do that fairness does not require that I identify the source of my information.

I certainly do appreciate your position and have long thought that your association with this contemptible and vindictive liar tended to detract from your achievements. I think you are a fine policeman who has done excellent work and set a standard for many other police departments to shoot at.

Now, the other subject is this: sometime ago I wrote a story quoting from a letter received from a man in Philadelphia who said he was employed in a certain place.

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and described loafing in this works. A few days later an officer of the Third Service Command in Philadelphia telegraphed me, requesting the man's name and address. With the stipulation that the man should be protected from reprisals, I telegraphed this officer that the man was [REDACTED].  
I am enclosing for your information [REDACTED] letter.

A few days ago I received a letter, which I am also enclosing, from Harry Hansen, 1950 North Fairfield Avenue, Chicago, stating that two F. B. I. men had called on him to inquire what he knew about [REDACTED]. I do not get the connection, myself.

This Hansen, who from his handwriting appears to me to be a European, has been writing me letters for several months. Most of them have been quite interesting and strongly opinionated discussions of Socialism and Communism and they have convinced me that he is a persuaded Communist, with no affection for the American form of government. I do not recall whether I have ever sent you any of his letters. You will remember perhaps that I have, from time to time, sent you letters which fell to me in the mail which appeared to merit your attention, but I don't recall that any letter from Hansen was among these.

Hansen, you will note, says that one of the agents said I wouldn't tell anything. I do not know whether this is a correct quotation, but I assure you that any information I have bearing on any subversive activity is freely available to your department.

S/

Westbrook Ogler

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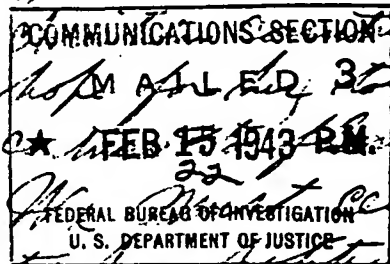
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Dear Sir: Please give attention to the follow-  
ing. I refer to the writings of one Westbrook  
Pegler (syndicated)

of this man gains much popularity in his attacks  
on union labor. Let that be what it is. But I de-  
sire you to notice how he is attacking our allies in order  
to cause division. Britain attacked a plenty, but in  
the case of Russia I am certain that he has but one thing  
in view. That would be to split the allied nations  
after the war; and send us to war against Russia.  
It is Communism this and that. Station this and  
that. How can our allies have faith in us with  
such abuse.

Russia (the supposed aggressor) was not prepared to  
defend herself when attacked. She found any  
salvation in the democracies. In the religious country  
Thus this anti Christian country has to depend on the  
democracies for her preservation. Can we not  
be at least tolerant after the war? U.  
S. not herms into her face and make ends  
case our minds. I am bitterly type  
but her man is saving ours -



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January 25th  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In reply to a portion of your letter of January 21st, I should like to say that of course I was entirely willing that the officer of the Third Service Command at Philadelphia, to whom I communicated the name and address of [REDACTED] should impart this information to the F.B.I. or any other government agency interested in making an official inquiry.

If [REDACTED] deceived me, I should like to know about it and make any correction that the circumstances require.

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Sincerely,

S/ Westbrook Pegler

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WESTBROOK PEGLER

Dear Sir:

Are you going to allow  
Pegler to keep fighting our  
best ally? It is horrible.

[redacted] tried lecturing  
b+ here against Russia, not  
our fracture. She soon  
shut us up. Why let Pegler?

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## PEGLER SAYS!

BY WESTBROOK PEGLER

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New York. — There are some genuine Americans who do not realize that Communism actually is an anti-American force, as hostile to this government as Nazism or Fascism and ask for proof. How do they know that the Communist who nowadays so plausibly shouts his hatred of the war enemies of the United States is not also, himself, an enemy? It seems unthinkable, especially in view of the fact that Communists and fellow-travelers have been able to worm their way into many government bureaus, including lately, the Office of War Information.

The most effective testimony comes from backslid Communists such as Benjamin Gitlow, who formerly was so high in the anti-American conspiracy that in 1928 he ran for vice-president of the United States on the party ticket. Gitlow, born of poor Russian parents in Elizabethport, N. J., blamed America for his early poverty and, unlike most young Americans in similar circumstances, became an agitator and an anti-American, instead of working out his own prosperity. In his boyhood he associated not with Americans but with refugees from Russia who used the United States only as a safe place of abode in which to hate Czarism and long for the revolution. Immigrants all, the elders, too, disliked the United States as they found it and wanted to make it over to their pattern.

### SQUEALED ON COMRADES

Gitlow later fell out with his comrades in one of those numerous wrangles that are always splitting the Communists into factions but not before he had become one of the leading conspirators, and, in 1940, he squealed on his former comrades in a book called "I Confess" from which the following testimony is taken.

Are the Communists anti-American then, you ask? Will you take the word of Gitlow as to that?

"In addition to being a branch of the Communist International," he says, "the Communist party acted as an agent of the Soviet government. He (the member) is compensated for his opposition to the United States government by being impressed with his importance to the government of the Soviet Union."

Note that Gitlow admits that the Communist opposes the United States government.

"The American Communist party has always argued that it had no connection with the Soviet government, but the American Communist party is in the same relation to the Soviet government as the paid agents of Nazi Germany are in relation to the Third Reich," he says.

Gitlow explains how it is that Communists can cause so much trouble in proportion to their numbers. A party man, a member of a union, buys his Communist paper on the way to work and may arrive early to spread leaflets without being noticed.

### HATRED GIVES ENERGY

"At noon," says Gitlow, "he will be engaged in some noon activity of the party of his Communist union faction. After work instead of going home, he will go to party headquarters to attend committee meetings. After 8 o'clock he may have to attend a union meeting or a meeting of his party branch. After the meeting he probably will go back to headquarters to get instructions for the next day's activities."

What gives them the energy, the zeal for all this? Hatred of the United States keeps him going while American workers sleep.

And would Communism be easily and peacefully accomplished here? Or would it require force and violence, as the law says?

"We can achieve it only through a violent revolution in which millions of our people would perish," Gitlow wrote after he had backslid, "in which the most intelligent thinking and the most socially minded among us would be exterminated. In the course of the civil war, our economic structure would be devastated, our industries wrecked, our fields laid waste."

"But what would be our gains? Few are they who harbor any illusions of the sort of 'democracy' that prevails in Russia. It is virtually indistinguishable from the 'democracy' that is practiced in Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy."

"Communism is universal conscription of labor, Communism is forced labor. Free labor cannot exist under Communism any more than it can exist under Fascism. Neither regime recognizes the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

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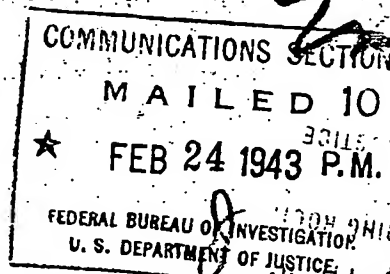
The content of your letter has been noted and your interest in bringing this to my attention is appreciated.

Should you obtain any further information which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, please feel free to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 1308 Masonic Temple Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Stephen Early  
Mr. M. E. [unclear]

Secretary to the President

I have just read this article  
in our local paper and it  
certainly shocks me if it  
is true, I have been a  
democrat all my life  
even enrolled although  
I never held any political  
job in office always made  
my own living

Now if you would let  
me know what office  
Polette holds in the  
war department and  
who made the appointment  
I would appreciate it  
very much

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It was instances like  
this in our state that  
elected Gov. Flewelly and  
as I stated before I  
was always a Democrat  
pay my bills, taxes, and  
I don't belong to any union  
I also am not in the habit  
of writing my Congressman  
or Senator. Just read  
the papers and form  
my own opinion

There is talk here that  
a Communist can get  
a job with the Government  
quicker than a Democrat  
I thought that you would  
give me this information  
Sincerely

[Redacted signature block]

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## "Fair Enough"

By  
Westbrook Pegler

New York—If this sordid, nasty deal weren't an open and shut case backed by absolute proof, even a Nazi, with his low opinion of American politics and political morality, might find it hard to believe.

Charles Poletti, a tag-along New York politician who trades with the foreign crowd of naturalized but unassimilated aliens grouped in the so-called American Labor Party was lieutenant governor under Herbert Lehman, and served 29 days as governor between Lehman's resignation to take a big administrative war job in the national government and the inauguration of Tom Dewey. During that time he carried out a jail delivery, turning loose 15 convicts including an evil, dangerous union terrorist of Sidney Hillman's crowd, named Alexander Hoffman, a convicted firebug and thug of the cruelest type.

Poletti said Hoffman had "enjoyed an excellent reputation" before his conviction which was just a plain, brazen lie with no discount, because his record shows repeated arrests for strong-arm work and stink bombing in furtherance of his efforts to drive unwilling American workers into the ranks of his local union of cleaners and dyers, which is under Communist domination.

It has not been shown that Hoffman was or is a Communist but it took three years and two long and expensive trials in the case of Harry Bridges to show that he was one, and if Hoffman doesn't hold a card he certainly is a fellow-traveler.

Hoffman had served less than eight months of a term of from two to four years when Poletti surreptitiously let him out without consulting either the judge or the prosecuting attorney in the case. The latter official insisted that the crime was vicious and might have cost many lives by fire.

Poletti also by-passed the Board of Parole, and this sinister thug, who had retained his office in one of Hillman's subordinate unions during his brief vacation in prison, went right back to the job after his release, thus answering the frequent assertion of professional unioners that they try to get rid of crooks and gangsters but that there are bound to be some rascals in any calling including, as they never fail to add, the clergy and journalism.

Poletti scored a big vote on the ticket of the so-called American Labor Party, which is neither American nor representative of labor but composed largely of Europeans and devoted to two political philosophies imported from Europe, namely Social Democracy and Communism.

It includes a few pernicious native bleeding hearts of the pseudo-intellectual, butchers'-paper publications and a large group of Puerto Ricans whose neighborhood, in the district of Vito Marcantonio, the only representative of the Communist Party line in the United States Congress, is the most dangerous and troublesome to the police in all New York.

Why Poletti turned Hoffman loose and why he tried to falsify this vicious criminal's past record in justification of his act is a subject of speculation, conclusion and personal conviction, but hardly one for proof. Such things can't be proved, but you can add up the facts and may come to the conclusion that Poletti was paying off the alien Labor Party for its enthusiastic support in the last campaign in which he was defeated nevertheless, at the expense of justice and at the risk of the lives and freedom of countless Americans.

But, that wasn't all.

Pursuant to the policy of maintaining in jobs and in power individuals whom the voters have repudiated and thrown out of elective office at the polls, the national government yanked Lehman out of Albany even before his term ended and put him to work handling the meal ticket for the world. And, as soon as Poletti had done his little trick in Albany, including his job for Sidney Hillman's gangster and firebug, Poletti, too, was taken care of in the War Department in a job the nature of which says the Associated Press, he doesn't even know. He just had to be given a job.

The Associated Press said Poletti said he hadn't the slightest idea what his duties would be, and that when a reporter asked, in surprise "Do you mean to say you took a job without knowing what it was?" he replied, "Sure, what difference does it make?"

It might make a terrible difference if it should turn out that Poletti has custody of the keys to the jails where the Communists, the criminal unioners, the firebugs, extortioners, thugs, thieves and racketeers are kept.

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Dear [REDACTED] b-6

Your letter of recent date, with enclosure, directed to Mr. Stephen Early has recently been referred to this Bureau and is before me for acknowledgment, due to the absence of the Director.

The content of your communication and enclosure has been carefully noted and I want to thank you for bringing this information to the attention of the Federal Government.

Inasmuch as the inquiry contained in your letter is of interest to the Office of Military Intelligence, I am taking the liberty of forwarding copies of your letter and enclosure to that agency.

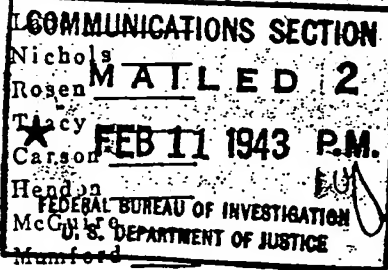
Sincerely yours,  
For the Director

*Edward A. Tamm*

Edward A. Tamm  
Assistant to the Director

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Mr. Tamm

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On December 20, an article appeared in The Worker, Sunday edition of the Daily Worker, over the byline of Walter Lowenfels, attacking Pegler as utilizing pro-Nazi sources and referring to Pegler's column of November 27, quoting the letter from "a tank worker."

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On December 31, Mrs. Roosevelt received another letter from [REDACTED] and forwarded the same to the Bureau, which letter referred to the Pegler matter. [REDACTED] made reference to [REDACTED] being in Philadelphia and pointed out that he might be of some help in the matter. [REDACTED] is a well-known Pennsylvania Communist. [REDACTED] District Number 3, Communist Party, USA.)

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(\*Stenographer's wording, from record. Messrs. Hinse and Mumford clearly understood this instruction applied only to referencing any White House interest—or the letter therefrom—in the report.)

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MR. E. A. TAMM

RE:

(Alleged Nazi sources utilized by  
Westbrook Pegler)

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On December 14, the Director advised by memorandum of his conference with the President on December 10, and forwarded the copy of the letter received by Mrs. Roosevelt from [REDACTED] which the Director received subsequent to his conference. [REDACTED] letter enclosed a letter from [REDACTED] alleging he could establish that Westbrook Pegler obtained his information, or some of it, from pro-Nazi sources. [REDACTED] pointed particularly Pegler's column of November 27, 1942, quoting a letter from "a tank worker" which alleged a slowdown at the Baldwin Locomotive Works, some of which he attributed to union activity. The identity of the tank worker was not furnished in Westbrook Pegler's column nor did [REDACTED] furnish the identity of the worker.

Mr. Tolson  
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Mr. Tamm

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On January 5, the Bureau replied to Mrs. Roosevelt's letter and briefly summarized the information then at hand.

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On January 20, a memorandum was prepared for the Director outlining all of the background pertaining to instant matter.

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CHICAGO ANGLE On the same date Assistant Director Nichols called the Chicago and Philadelphia offices regarding a letter which the Director received from Pegler and which set out information he received from one Harry Hansen, Chicago, Illinois, indicating according to Hansen that he had been interviewed by two FBI Agents and questioned concerning [REDACTED] The Chicago office reported that it had checked its own files and those of ONI, G-2 and PAG in Chicago but found no record regarding any such interview as alleged by Hansen.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
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January 1, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

There is attached hereto Westbrook Pegler's column which appeared in the Washington Daily News, Friday, December 25, 1942. It purportedly refers to an article by Charles Michelson which appeared in the December 12, 1942, issue of Editor and Publisher. Michelson's article makes no reference to the Bureau, whatsoever.

While Pegler does not exactly attribute his material to Michelson's article yet the inference is so clear that I think we would be justified in sending the attached letter to Mr. Pegler.

There is also attached the December 12th issue of Editor and Publisher.

Respectfully,

*L. B. Nichols*  
L. B. Nichols

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# Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler



NEW YORK, Dec. 25—Charles Michelson, a Washington political correspondent for many years and lately resigned from the job of press agent for the Democratic National Committee, bids a tour farewell to journalism. In an article in Editor and Publisher, he says that "practically every important exclusive news story emanating from Washington stems from a breach of faith, perhaps the violation of an oath of office, and he says Washington newspapermen, who regretfully, color their stories to suit their bosses.

These are pious thoughts from one who, in the same piece, compares himself, in his own newspaper career, to a receiver of stolen goods and who, in recent years, saw no impropriety in accepting \$10,000 a year from a big radio corporation having delicate dealings with the political agency known as the FOO while he retained his job with the New Deal Party and his latch key to the White House. According to his ethics, it would be all right for me to accept half a dozen retainers from employers' groups, in the role of public relations counsel, while writing revelations of dirty work in the unions. But I am sure he would condemn me, altho I am just as good a public relations man as he is.

But, to consider his allegations, it is necessarily true that most, by far, of the breaches of faith or violations of the oath of office during the last 10 years are chargeable to members of the party which he served and always with partisan bias. They were in the majority, at this overwhelming 30, in Congress, and they monopolized the executive and administrative posts from which the leaks occurred, including the White House, which, he says, is the least established in the Government. Indeed, one memorable leak timed to occur when the victim of the story was away on the other side of the world, was a matter of deep personal confidence between the victim and the President himself, a fact which tends to confirm Charlie Mike's remark about the fallibility of confidence in the Executive Mansion.

IN ANOTHER case, a Cabinet member traded little exclusive news tips for friendly publicity, but that one, it happens, was not dealing with a newspaper reporter. He was trading favors with a radio outlet. Mr. Michelson thinks well of radio, for, he says, his party had to take to the air to get its message across in recent elections.

In another instance, J. Edgar Hoover, in Miami, held up news of public importance to which the public was entitled

when it matured beyond the hour when the Miami papers had gone to press, in order to give it exclusively to a broadcaster who had slavered him over with personal ballyhoo. Hoover's explanation was that he was paying a debt to one who had conducted propaganda to compel Congress to increase his appropriation. Thus the non-political FBI made politics against Congress thru a stooge.

It is Mr. Michelson's contention that anti-New Deal editors have been the sole offenders in the matter of coloring Washington news. Chapter and verse would serve better than generalities and it is impossible for the decent American press to reply in the absence of a bill of particulars. But, aside from The Chicago Tribune, which frankly angles the news out of Washington and found in John Boettiger, the President's son-in-law, an enthusiastic angler, no other case comes to mind among the press which is frankly anti-New Deal in its editorial policy.

On the other hand, The Tribune's political emphasis in news dispatches is temperate and dignified by comparison with the brutal blackguardism of several conspicuous New Deal papers, whose correspondents, at least two of whom have reasons not to use their true names, he would seem to regard as sincere and ethical journalists. For it is a fact that those who love the President most, express that affection, not by praise of him and his policies, but by vilification of his opponents in such ferocious terms that any critic of the Administration, whether in Congress, in print or on the air, knows in advance that he will be personally abused by lies and innuendoes which he can never hope to catch up with.

THIS critic of the American press is one who was conspicuous in the political company of the Hague machine, the rascals of the Long regime after the second Louisiana Purchase, the corruptioners of Albany, Kansas City and Boston, the rioting Communists of Michigan and the subtler Muscovites spotted in the New Deal bureaus, and the appalling extortionists of the AFL.

News and discussion of these elements of the party which he served for a price was indeed unfavorable to the party which actively colluded with them, but the files will show that President Roosevelt has had command of Page 1—and plenty of space inside—throughout his rule and that his views have been thoroly presented to the people, usually in his own words.

No Washington reporter could, if he would, tamper with the text of any presidential comment, message or speech and none has tried to, unless there be minute cases of honest misinterpretations of some remark at a press conference.

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TO:

Major General George V. Strong  
Assistant Chief of Staff  
G-2, War Department  
Washington, D. C.

*Westbrook Pegler*

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
NEW YORK

Subject:

There are attached, copies of a letter together with photostatic  
copies of a news item, recently referred to this Bureau.

The above information is being made available to you for whatever  
consideration you deem advisable.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
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- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
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Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge the receipt of a post card which you recently directed to me.

You may be assured that I have carefully noted the content of your communication and wish to express my appreciation for your courtesy and interest in letting me have the benefit of your observations in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:-

I know that your function is to protect America from subversive activity hence I am appealing to you to do something about the columnist, Westbrook Pegler. Is it not worse to sabotage the morale of the American people, than it is to blow up a factory or two? That is what this man is deliberately, and intentionally doing, and we as decent American citizens resent it. Surely "freedom of speech" doesn't mean that we have to read a string of sneers, and slurs against our Government, our way of life, our labourers, our allies and everything we believe in, night after night, aimed at causing all the trouble and dissatisfaction in the United States that is possible. If this is freedom of speech, why bother to print papers of our own, just copy those printed in Germany and Japan.

Pegler never says a decent word for anything American, and is attempting to stir up trouble in any way possible. If there is freedom of speech that allows such thinly veiled moral sabotage, then are there not some laws that give us some protection from having to read such insults night after night?

I had occasion to visit, for a few weeks in and around Los Angeles, this summer. I was alarmed and disgusted with the tales I was told about our Government, the officials that are running the Government, our Allies and all the rest of it. I was thoroughly discouraged and wondered where such stuff was coming from. I found out these people were avid readers of Pegler's column, then I understood. Our boys wonder what is the matter back home and are worried about things, that is what is the matter. Pegler is allowed to print any dirt he likes against our Government. For some reason he is allowed to sneer and to undermine every attempt we make at conservation of material or anything else. Why must our boys fight and die thousands of miles from home to preserve our country and the things we love, and here is this enemy in our midst destroying the very things they are fighting for?

I am sending you a few clippings, which are only a small sample of what hundreds of Americans are writing to express their disgust and hatred of Pegler's sneers and insults, that we who are supposed to be free must put up with this one man's "freedom of speech".

Surely something can and should be done about this matter.

Very sincerely yours

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## Helping Hitler?

EDITOR: Among the many letters attacking Westbrook Pegler there have been several that have attributed his false and bitter attacks upon labor and the administration to misled sincerity. For some time I have felt that Pegler was sincere and merely cantankerous and muddled. Recently, since the publishing of some of his most infamous fabrications and insinuations, I have come to see that Pegler knows exactly what he is doing. He is a man with a purpose, and his purpose is the destruction of organized labor and the discrediting of the Roosevelt administration regardless of the consequences.

A recent example was his statement that Merchant Marine sailors, since they were Communists, were untrustworthy to handle the guns of our merchant ships and were liable to turn them on American shipping or other American property. Since the other American ships would be also manned by "Communists," that is union sailors, it seems a rather senseless procedure when they might simply open the seacocks and allow them to founder. It happens that I have recently been a passenger on a U. S. freighter manned by the "Communists" that Pegler so mistrusts. We were torpedoed in the south Atlantic and we spent 18 days in a lifeboat before we were rescued. Upon rescue all of the men vowed their determination to return to sea, and many of them were under no pressure to do so for they were classified as 3-A or 4-F in the draft. Four of my shipmates were lost in the torpedoing. One of the lost men was on two ships that were torpedoed in the last war. I suppose that Pegler would maintain that those men died in a Communist plot against their country. I think they were patriots and heroes.

Hitler's first step after obtaining power was to destroy the German labor unions. Hitler's repeated goal is the destruction of communism and he has repeatedly offered the Allies the role of Ally in that crusade. All the role of Ally in that crusade lies in most his last hope of victory lies in his attempts to alienate us from the Russians. German propaganda has rejoiced at each congressional defeat of Roosevelt and they call our President and his advisers Communists and Jews in almost every release. Westbrook Pegler is doing their job for them in our press, and I think he knows what he is doing.

—George B. Maloney

## Gall

EDITOR: Around newspapers, the admission of managing editors is, "Be Accurate." The News generally is, if we exclude Westbrook Pegler. He should be the last to refer to any one's writings or actions as "gall," as he did in Tuesday's column. For Pegler is often inaccurate, even when facts could be verified on interoffice telephones. As a distorter of facts, he excels even Philip Pearl, publicity man for the American Federation of Labor, and that's really distorting.

After a luxury tour of a few weeks to part of Europe a couple of years ago, Pegler now poses as an expert on working conditions of merchant seamen in wartime and as an authority on European and Asiatic politics. And his hypocritical campaign for scrap metal from automobile bumpers makes him a super-patriot, he thinks. Talk about "gall."

—Kirk Owen

## Calling Pegler

EDITOR: Mr. Pegler's well-known ignorance about organized labor and his inaccuracy when he sees a chance to slam the New Deal were well illustrated in his recent column on the anthracite miners' unauthorized strike. He said the root of the trouble was the evil Wagner Act, and that that act gives the head of the miners' union the right to assess the miners any dues he pleases and to use the money any way he pleases, including making contributions to the Democratic Party.

All this is entirely inaccurate. John L. Lewis, the president of the miners' union, for several years has made no contributions to the Democratic Party, so that Mr. Pegler's attempt to smear the President with the unpopularity of Mr. Lewis is unfair. Lewis in fact supported Willkie and the Republicans very vigorously in 1940 and is known to hate Roosevelt almost as venomously as Pegler hates the President and his wife.

There is no provision of the Wagner Act which gives any union leader the right to levy any dues he pleases or to use the money any way he wants. Dues can only be fixed and collected in the United Mine Workers in accordance with the constitution of that union, and the money can only be used as the duly elected executive board of the union authorizes.

What the Wagner Act does do to permit the anthracite miners, any other group of workers who fit themselves not properly represented by a union of their own choosing to petition the Labor Board for election and, if a majority of them wish, start another union and choose that union for their collective bargaining agent.

—Alfred Baker Lewis, New York

## Taxi Man's Answer

EDITOR: There Pegler goes again, maligning and maliciously smearing another large group of American workmen. I refer to his recent article entitled "Taximan."

Just because a few cab drivers gave him a bad time—and who wouldn't?—he let loose a blast of abuse against the whole group. By insinuation and innuendo he built up the case that just because a man is a cab driver or filling station operator, he is dumb, a bore, stupid, and an intellectual inferior.

Are there enough men of his mental capacity in our country to drive the cabs and trucks, and mine the coal and make the steel, and build the ships, and run the Government? Or should we all be columnists who can only destroy, by vitriolic language, the things that our people do, and offer a word of help, good advice, or comfort?

Some filling station have disagreed with him just cause twice last year he had eyes out in connection with vice station man's fate at the of the union or the rubber. If such inconsistency indicates intellectual prowess, I prefer to remain a cab driver who meets most of the people all the time, and a few of the people (Pegler's kind) once in a while.

Constructive criticism is healthy, wholesome and necessary to our way of life. But to continually take things apart and leave them that way is very poor mechanics. Better to have the clock running a couple of minutes slow than all over the floor in pieces.

I suggest Pegler apply his brilliant (?) mind, superior intellect to qualifications and superb intellect to helping "George Spelvin, American" the war to a better standard.

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have for acknowledgment your letter of recent date, with enclosures.

You may be assured that the content of your communication and enclosures has been carefully noted, and I wish to thank you for your courtesy and interest in writing to me in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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January 20, 1943

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THE DIRECTOR

Re: [redacted]  
Alleged Nazi sources utilized by Westbrook  
Pegler (Report of [redacted] Concerning) (S)(u)

INTRODUCTION

I am setting forth the complete background of pertinent events pre-  
ceding the report of Confidential Informant [redacted]

The case, as you will recall, was handled by the Detroit Office. (S)(u)

According to [redacted] report, [redacted]

You have been  
furnished with a summary memorandum concerning [redacted] her background and  
affiliations. (S) u

Further, according to [redacted]

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## BACK GROUND

Chronologically, the affair leading up to the letter to Mrs. Roosevelt from the Bureau goes back to your visit with the President on December 10, 1942, at which time you were orally advised by the President of a letter received by Mrs. Roosevelt from [REDACTED] reflecting that [REDACTED] had information which would establish that Westbrook Pegler obtained some of his material from "out and out Nazis."

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#### COLLATERAL INFORMATION

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As a matter of interest, The Worker, Sunday Edition of the Daily Worker, Communist Party newspaper, for December 20, 1942, carried an article bearing the caption "Pegler Uses Hitler-Admirer's 'Ammunition' to Attack Arms Workers." written by Walter Lowenfels. This article related how Pegler incorporated a letter in his column from an individual identified by The Worker as Andrew Hercha "who had long been suspected of pro-Nazism by the other workers." The article of Lowenfels went on to state "it was not difficult to trace this treacherous pro-Nazi letter from Pegler's column to the Baldwin tank shop." Communist officials in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, are reported to have requested 1000 copies or r prints of the article by Lowenfels for their own purposes. A photostatic copy of the article is attached

[REDACTED]

#### REPLY TO WHITE HOUSE

Under date of December 22, 1942, a memorandum was prepared for you outlining the above information and attaching a letter to Major General Edwin M. Watson, Secretary to the President, [REDACTED] inclosing a photostatic copy of Westbrook Pegler's article of November 27, 1942, which quoted a letter from "a tank worker", as well as a photostatic copy of the article of Walter Lowenfels which appeared in The Worker as set forth above.

#### LETTER FROM MRS. ROOSEVELT

By letter dated December 31, 1942, Mrs. Roosevelt forwarded at the suggestion of the President a copy of a subsequent letter relative to this same matter received by Mrs. Roosevelt from [REDACTED] In the content of her letter to Mrs. Roosevelt, [REDACTED] again referred to the letter from "a tank worker" which Pegler caused to be printed in his article

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published on November 27, 1942. [redacted] indicated that this "tank worker" is pro-Nazi and on the basis of affidavits of workers at the Baldwin Locomotive Works (which she did not furnish to Mrs. Roosevelt) this worker had Bund connections. [redacted] in that same communication to Mrs. Roosevelt stated that she hoped to develop further information concerning this matter. In this connection she wrote "also [redacted] is back there and would help if he could since he knows many Baldwin workers." (It is noted that [redacted] of District #3, COMMUNIST PARTY, USA). [redacted] herself is, of course, known to have rather definite connections with organizations which have been fronts for the Communist Party, USA.

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REPLY TO MRS. ROOSEVELT

On January 5, 1943, a memorandum was prepared for you outlining the above data and attaching a letter of reply to Mrs. Roosevelt. This letter set forth the information available in the files of the Bureau [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mrs. Roosevelt was also informed of the letter which had previously been forwarded to Major General Watson at the White House.

This letter to Mrs. Roosevelt consisted of three pages. The final sentence of this letter ran over onto the top of the third page, and since it appears to be pertinent in view of [REDACTED]

It is set out below: (u)

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CONCLUSION

[REDACTED]

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

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COPY

February 20, 1943

The Editor  
New York World-Telegram

Dear Sir:

In calling Walter Winchell a "notorious scandal monger" a "dangerous man," one guilty of "patrioteering" and "dirt," Westbrook Pegler has unquestionably caused his fellow Winchell and Roosevelt hater, Dr. Goebbels--whose own anti-Winchell invective Pegler has surpassed--to thrill with delight. The danger is that Goebbels' propaganda is treated by most Americans with the contempt it deserves, whereas the same vitriol, written by an American citizen, may have two serious results quite aside from the effect on Winchell:

1. It may in some minds make Goebbels, history's great liar, appear for once truthful. Hence, his future lies will be more readily believed.

2. It may shake the faith of the gullible in the integrity of J. Edgar Hoover and Navy Secretary Knox, both of whom are criticized by Pegler for their faith in and appreciation of Walter Winchell.

When Pegler calls Winchell a scandal monger, is he referring to the dozens of Bundists, American Fifth Columnists, at least one ideal-destroying newspaper columnist whom Winchell has exposed? If so, then we need more such "scandal mongering." To whom is Winchell dangerous--the Nazis? Surely this doesn't disturb patriotic Americans! As for Pegler's "broom has a feud with dirt" --that remark will undoubtedly boomerang in decent minds.

Lastly, if Winchell is a "patrioteer," what of George Cohan? Cohan received the Congressional Medal of Honor for "flag waving." A flag, lots of Americans believe, is better to wave than a Pegler poison pen.

Sincerely,

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March 4, 1943

Mr. Walter Winchell  
New York Mirror  
235 East 45th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Walter:

Thanks so much for sending me the  
letter which [REDACTED] directed to you.  
In accordance with your desire, it is being  
returned herewith.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION  
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Federal Bureau Of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed clipping, cut from  
the Des Moines Tribune, March 8th. and  
other statments written by this news  
commentator, Westbrook Pegler, would in-  
dicate investigation by your office might  
be in order.

This particular writing would  
seem to be a direct invitation to Hitler  
" see what he could do bout it."

If you check up you will find  
most of his articals are anything but  
American, usually anti labor, anti goverment,  
anti this and anti that, more especially  
anit union.

For many reasons this letter  
is annonomus but submitted in good American  
faith.

Yours for a better America.

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BY WESTBROOK PEGLER.

DETROIT, MICH.—The thought surely has occurred to Adolf Hitler long before this, so it will not be putting ideas into his head, to speculate on the damage he could do with just one air-raid on Detroit comparable to the mass attacks on his own manufacturing centers in Germany and France.



PEGLER.

One of those block-busters the British have been dropping on Essen, Cologne, Munich and Hamburg, dumped through the roof of the Willow Run bomber plant would not only smash the building but obliterate machinery now producing a respectable portion of the bomber force of the United Nations.

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At least a year would pass before the works could be rebuilt and put back into action.

#### ITS COST.

Another big bomb destroying one of the plants manufacturing airplane engines, and others, sown over the area, would demolish other buildings and their machinery from which the United States, Britain, Russia and presumably, China, are receiving tanks, guns, armored tank destroyers and jeeps.

That would mean loss of output during rebuilding, idleness for several thousand workers, loss of living quarters, loss of drawings and records and loss of morale, not only on the scene of the disaster but all over the country and among the fighters.

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Already short of man-power, the United States, would have to use millions of man-days and somehow, find a staggering tonnage of scarce materials for the rebuilding.

In one such raid, Hitler might set most of Detroit back to the hour of Pearl Harbor or even further.

In the extension of the war by possibly another year, 100,000 or twice that many American lives might be lost.

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If this is not sedition, what is it.  
This is "comfort" and real "assistance"  
to our enemies in war time.

Harry Pegler, Lewis and Bridges  
together on the same gallows.

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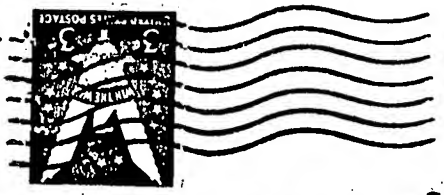
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...the subject with life-  
 ...Bearing in mind that  
 the world is at war, farm lands in  
 middle West are flooded and butter is  
 ...pints a pound, get this:  
 dear Miss Kilgallen:

witnessed the strangest sight the other  
 when my daughter and 12 other girls  
 19 years of age brought in about 20  
 Mr. Tommy Dorsey's recordings and  
 ed them and stamped on them.

was, I learned, because of his "unfair"  
 ent of a young singer by the name of  
 Sinatra.

seems he is taking part of his salary  
 ing advantage of the young man's in-  
 of business.

ese girls are not going to buy any  
 of Mr. Dorsey's records or go to the  
 in which he is playing. Also they  
 lacting Mr. Sinatra's fan clubs to have  
 e formula carried out.

n an earnest reader of your column  
 ught you might like to become fa-  
 with this procedure.

rs most faithfully.

"Margaret Donovan."

tainly am interested to hear of this  
 if any reader has a daughter who  
 ng pins in an effigy of Kay Kyser  
 he grossed more at the Strand than  
 Kaye, I would like to be informed  
 at, too.

**Mobilization**

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With few exceptions those union  
 criminals who have been prose-  
 cuted and punished have been run  
 down by State grand juries and  
 prosecutors, not by the agencies  
 of the Department of Justice. The  
 all-knowing FBI seems ignorant  
 of the interstate operations of the  
 mob which could be construed as  
 violations of the Federal law.

A more sinister aspect of the  
 case is the fact that all this is  
 done under a pretense of social  
 and economic progress and is  
 mockingly referred to as "labor's  
 gains." On the other hand, every  
 official, newspaper or private in-  
 dividual who has exposed and at-  
 tacked this criminal subdivision  
 of the governing party of the  
 republic has been attacked in turn  
 as an enemy of labor, an appeaser,  
 a pro-Nazi, a Fascist and—or a  
 disrupter in time of war.

The truth is of course these  
 revelations were in progress for  
 several years before the United

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 ...ation of the picture, but to  
 more or less detailed descrip-  
 ...a of the whereabouts of the  
 pipeline. Facts that the picture  
 was taken "from the Pennsylvania  
 side looking toward the cemetery  
 property above Lambertville" and  
 that the pipe "will be buried three  
 feet beneath the river bed" might  
 be very useful to our enemies.

We must not forget that some  
 of our enemies are on this side of  
 the ocean.  
 E. S. HEALY.

News about construction of the  
 oil pipeline has been published  
 throughout the country with no  
 objection from the Office of War  
 Information. But even without  
 such publication, alert enemy  
 agents couldn't have been kept in  
 the dark with respect to so far-  
 flung an operation.—The Editor.

**HOW TO END WAR**

To the Editor of the Times:  
 Sir—The greatest money mak-  
 ing racket in Europe is the war  
 racket. Win, lose or draw the

equal ambu-  
 only a spark  
 To end war  
 munition and arm-  
 THOMAS  
 ALLY.

**"SO SORRY FORGET"**

To the Editor of the Times:  
 Sir—That Jap leader who sa-  
 America must be utterly destroye  
 because we are a "very crue  
 crafty people," possesses an ex-  
 tremely short memory.

He obviously has forgotten the  
 vast amount of money in goo  
 donated to Japan by herou  
 spirited Americans for relief wo  
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Cruel and crafty? And h  
 about Pearl Harbor, with  
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 pre-war destruction and unde  
 clared murder?

F. A. F.

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	WABC—Kate Smith	5:30	W
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By Westbrook Pegler

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CHI'AGO, June 14.—From time to time in our country, local political machines have parceled out to criminal elements within their following the privileges of crime such as prostitution, gambling and even robbery. San Francisco, New York, Chicago and Kansas City have had this experience and, in each case, reform was accomplished only by brave and mighty efforts, involving risk of death to some of the reformers.

The present, however, is the first time that it could be truthfully said and shown that the National Government of the United States has deliberately followed the same course on a national scale. The National Government under the New Deal party has sold for a political consideration, plus contributions to its campaign funds, the right to rob individual workers and industries, to perpetrate stick-ups on the highways and to terrorize individuals and whole communities.

It not only refrains from interfering with such operations but protects them at the peril and expense of the whole American people. It stands in the same position as to the criminal union racket that the Pendergast political machine of Kansas City, a New Deal subsidiary, occupied in relation to the criminal underworld of that city.

Under the protection of the party, the unioneers of the New Deal's political mob have stolen hundreds of millions of dollars out of the pockets of the American taxpayers and out of the wages of the workers employed on Government war projects. No accurate estimate of the total amount can be given because the union books are protected not only by legal privacy but by the Government's refusal to embarrass its cohorts and thus itself.

In most large cities there is usually a ring of politicians and contractors who conspire to rig bids and shake down the people. In the national sense, that conspiracy exists between the politicians of the National Government and its union proteges. Money, in the form of campaign contributions to the New Deal Party, has been one consideration, but the greater consideration has been the services of and powerful union machine interests of the party. Kansas City the Pendergast turned out the vote and the money to win elec-

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States entered the war and have continued in war only because the same party has continued its alliances with the rackets in war-time.

This relationship between the Government and criminal elements, many of them common gangsters of the most vicious type who belong to the party's regional divisions, is far more cynical, sordid and dangerous to the political health and material stability of the United States than the Pendergast machine, for example, ever was to the municipality of Kansas City. Cities are small units and when conditions become just so bad reform takes place and if government breaks down, the State government can move in.

But in the nation, when the national political machine deliberately enters such an alliance with the foulest elements of the underworld and protects them by ob-

structing Congress and by the inaction of the Department of Justice and the cynicism of a packed Supreme Court, there is no higher power to which the people may appeal.

And the dark powers of the New Deal Party's criminal subsidiary are so strong that thus far Congress has never even questioned any union concerning its financial operations or campaign contributions, its methods of extorting money from helpless workers or the amount of money which it has looted from the Treasury under cover of the war emergency.

This is a general statement which has been supported, however, in the past and will be supported in the future by many charges in specific detail. No more alarming alliance between the national government and a privileged, criminal minority has ever existed in all the life of the United States.

## Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor intended for publication must be signed by the writer as evidence of good faith, although identity will be held in confidence if so requested—unless personal charges are made or individual motives questioned. Under these latter circumstances, The Times will insist that the writer's name be published with the letter. Communications based on racial or religious prejudices will not be published. Unsigned communications will not be published. Contributors are requested to send their letters to the editor.

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In 1931, when the Germans were starving, Krupp gave his daughter a beautiful locomotive and a string of Pullman cars fitted out like a hotel suite with train crew and servants.

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## Sunday School Has New Plan

A special Sunday School to begin in July is being sponsored by St. John's Episcopal Church at the home of Mrs. Thomas Barry on Weisgarber Road.

Parents will take their children to the Sunday School, and return for them after services at St. John's Church.

More than 1,000,000 Americans work in mineral production.

## Rev. Hopper To Leave Tuesday On Vacation

The Rev. Eugene N. Hopper, rector of St. James Episcopal Church, will leave Tuesday on a month's vacation.

He will preach on "The Secret of True Happiness" at 10:45 a.m. tomorrow and will be celebrant of the evening service beginning at 7:30 a.m. While Mr. Hopper is on vacation, the Rev. Thomas P. Simpson, rector of Trinity Church, Newark, Ohio, will have charge of services.

## Beaver Ridge Methodists Plan Camps

Young people of Beaver Ridge Methodist Church, Byington, are attending the Harriman District Camp at Camp Winton on Watts Bar Lake near Rockwood, it was

### OLD HARPERS TO SING

Knox County Old Harp Singers will present an all-day singing program tomorrow at New Prospect Church, Old Sevierville Pike. A bus will leave the Courthouse at 10 a. m., A. A. Hicks, secretary, reported.

announced yesterday by the Rev. John M. Watkins, pastor.

Those attending the Intermediate Camp this week are Nora Low, Willie Sue Grove, Faye Cox, Ray Fields, Britton Cross, Paul Watkins, and Eddie Butler. Josephine Cross is a counsellor and is supervising the camp newspaper.

Expected to attend the Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship Camp next week are Fern Cross, Tunnell Cox, Janie Byington, E. H.

Butler Jr., Joe Daily, Jimmy and Philip Watkins.

Attending the Junior Camp July 5-10 will be Jimmy Bob Daily, Elizabeth Ann Watkins, Buddy Carrol, Dwight Allen Atwood, James Lannon, and Erma Jean Fields. Mr. Watkins is the director.

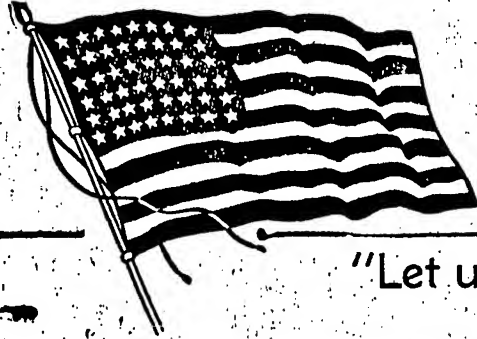
### SINGERS TO GIVE PROGRAM

The East Tennessee Singers will present a musical program at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow at the Doll Street Holiness Church, Park City.



*And they still argue about it*

*Tennessee Valley's Greatest Newspaper*



SATURDAY

## Editorial Page of The Knoxville

ROY N. LOISELICH  
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JOHN P. CARTER JR.  
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CHARLES H. SMITH JR.  
Vice-President

"Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that  
in his brother's way." Romans 14

(Today's Bible quotation was suggested by Mrs. James Alston, Taxewell. Tomorrow, James Taylor,

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June 26, 1943

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 15, 1943, with enclosure, is before me for acknowledgment.

I have carefully noted the content of your communication and enclosure and wish to thank you for volunteering your observations and comments in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

Chicago June 2, 1943.

Mr. Westbrook Pegler.

There is not one single word of truth about  
or in what you said in your article  
of today. You are especially a 100 per cent  
liar in what you wrote about Harry  
Bridges. Your article can no more be  
criticized than one could criticize a dead  
horse.

I don't wish you anything but good  
luck. To be shot like a cattle rustler  
would be just that.

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WESTBROOK PEGLER  
SCRIPPS-HOWARD NEWSPAPERS  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

After I tore up the enclosed letter,  
it occurred to me that you had shown  
some interest in this man some time  
ago. Therefore I am sending it to  
you for your file.

Please understand that my motive is  
not resentment against this man and  
that I have not any interest at all  
in the implied threat.

Sincerely,

*Westbrook Pegler*

*Mailing list for  
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Mr. Westbrook Pegler 62-36434  
New York World Telegram  
125 Barclay Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Pegler:

This will acknowledge your letter of June 23, 1943, with which you enclosed a communication directed to you by one Harry Hansen of Chicago, Illinois.

I have noted the content of your communication and enclosure with care and appreciate the interest which prompted you in transmitting this matter to me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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but his wife is active in C. I. O. af-  
fairs in California and probably could  
support herself and they have no  
children.

On May 31, Michigan was to have  
been inducted into the army, but  
while loyal Americans including, for  
example, a Denver taxi driver with a  
wholly dependent wife and child, with  
whom I talked about that time, were  
saved Michigan. His file was re-  
ferred to the California state head-  
quarters of the Selective Service un-  
der orders from Washington, and it  
appears that his case was considered  
to be so important that it must be  
passed upon by the highest authori-  
ties of the draft in the national cap-  
ital.

The Communists of the C. I. O.  
around Los Angeles presented the  
same arguments that had been offered  
in New York in justification of the  
determination of Curran and Merrill, as  
he calls himself. The attack by Hitler  
on Russia had changed this world  
conflict from a capitalist-imperialist  
aggression against peace-loving Hit-  
lerized Germany into a people's war,  
and Michigan was doing invaluable  
work in the great cause as an official  
of a patriotic union of American  
workers. In addition to which, the  
indispensable Michigan had been ap-  
pointed to several boards, federal and  
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You have been informed of the de-  
ferment of Joseph Curran, the boss  
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calls himself, president of the C. I. O.  
union of office workers, also of  
the Communist Front, on the ground  
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Another who should be listed with  
them by reason of his politics, past  
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bility is Lewis H. Michener, the di-  
rector of the Pacific Coast region of  
the aircraft workers' division of the  
United Auto Workers, the organiza-  
tion which struck the Allis-Chalmers  
plant in Wisconsin and tied up \$45,-  
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more than two months in 1941 and  
planted a mob of rioters around the  
North American Aviation plant in  
Los Angeles in the same year for the  
purpose of crippling this country in  
the air in the impending war with  
the Axis and the Japs.

Michener was the active director  
of the North American sabotage which  
may reasonably be a job of treason  
inasmuch as President Roosevelt him-  
self denounced it as the operation  
of a Communist conspiracy. The Pres-  
ident, you may remember, had to  
call on a regiment of infantry of the  
regular army to shove the saboteurs  
away so that loyal American citi-  
zens could go to their tasks without  
risk of death or injury at the hands  
of the union's pro-Axis guerrillas. The  
case was in no sense a strike but was  
an attempt by the Communists to  
prevent this nation from arming it-  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
FBI Chief [REDACTED] b-6

Dear Sir: WESTBROOK Pegler

I am a merchant seaman  
and wish to make a Request on  
your agency, I would like  
for you to make an investigation  
on a fellow called westbrook  
Pegler. Since he is Bleating  
The moral of a lot of american  
Seaman and trying to discourage  
Seaman from sailing ships &  
know at quite a few men who have  
quit going to sea lately because  
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which is false and calls all  
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quit me went into the army long ago. it is only the n.m.v that has kept my moral up and told me to pay no attention to the lies of Rickenbacker and Westbrook Pegler. I think that Rickenbacker is fifth columnist #1 and westbrook Pegler is fifth columnist #2 The merchant marine is being Bombed torpedoed and are called Rats at the same time By all the newspapers in the U.S.A in other words we face fifth columnist like Pegler at home and Hitler hitlers and messianic writers have greater effect than anything else. here is a few of the things pegler canals #1 is when we go into a hotel to sleep and they spot us as merchant marine they charge us Double #2 me go out and ~~pay~~ taxi Driver's charge us 2 like hell for a ride from ship to shore #3 me get discharged by Barkenders cafes stores etc, all because of Peglers \$100.00 Propaganda a week also we are looked

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Down upon By The People  
as a Bunch of Gangsters.  
I wish you would understand  
this we Dont care much for glory  
we Dont ask any charity But  
we do ask the american newspapers  
and Pickenbaker and westbrook Pugh  
quit telling lies and calling  
us names.

July 30, 1943.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,

Director FBI,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover :-

I thank you for your recent letter re Westbrook Pegler et al and the continued seditionist operations against our government, our allies and the war effort, and I enclose column by Pegler published in Rocky Mountain News dated July 30, 1943, and the Scripps-Howard syndicate throughout the nation, which states that,

"In analyzing our own brand of Fascism, introduced by the New Deal government, we must keep in mind always that in each country that has fallen under Fascism there were slight variations of methods, although in every case the objective has been the same, the seduction and creeping subjugation of the people."

It need hardly be noted by sensible people that such an attack is an attack on our government itself, it being entirely immaterial whether such government be described as a New or Old Deal or as a Republican or Democratic Government, and in this national life or death struggle, it brands our government and its war efforts as being exactly the same as the deadly foe we grapple with - Fascism. I have a boy (my only son), who is a volunteer in the U. S. Marines, and I am neither a Democrat or a Republican in this war, but an American citizen, and as such I demand that Pegler and the other American Fascist propagandists in open conspiracy with him be prosecuted without further delay for their obvious and continued sedition and the violation of other salutary war legislation. It does no good to prosecute and sentence to death the European saboteurs or the American small-fry Fascists, such as Stephan of Detroit, for buying a meal for an escaped Nazi, or taking the enemy within American homes, when open and traitorous sedition of the worst order is published and carried into millions of American homes and to our boys on the fighting fronts as well as to our courageous allies. This systematic stuff is not political - it is sedition, and the longer the government appeases seditionists in high places and ignores the commission of notorious sedition, the more the war will be prolonged and the lives of our sons jeopardized. Will not the government take immediate action in these attacks?

Sincerely yours

Copy - President  
Roosevelt. Copy to Pegler.

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A shot at the enemy within our  
gates - with appreciation  
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Hon. J. Edgar  
Hoover, one of the  
few true Americans  
who actually function



### THE AMERICA FIRSTER

(Dedicated to those it hits)

The Free American  
Boulder, Colorado

I was an America Firster until the questionable cult disbanded,  
I was sired by both Wheeler and Lindbergh, born in unholy wedlock,  
And damned by every sensible and patriotic American.  
I waved the flag and preached isolationism with a world in flames,  
I cursed the President and praised the Jap as our best customer,  
I slurred the English, and urged a negotiated peace with Hitler,  
I proclaimed the World War to be but a foreign conflict,  
And contended America could isolate itself from all mankind.  
I was not always exactly as dumb as I looked,  
There were times when I doubted our ostrich demagogues and stooges,  
And even thought the organization smelled somewhat of the fifth column;  
Yet I carried on with the rest of the debaters,  
Indulging in cheap talk and adolescent argument,  
Advertising national unpreparedness, under the guise of free speech,  
Retarding our nation's defense and encouraging our enemies,  
Until the Axis pulled the oft-threatened string,  
Whereby the treacherous Jap murdered American boys,  
And our Country was attacked, unprepared, but no longer isolated.  
I often wonder why I did these things when I knew better,  
Why I told Hitler that our boys were on the way to Iceland,  
Why I called our President a war-monger and scoffed at invasion,  
Mouthing platitudes about "war hysteria" and "minding our own business",  
And did all the dirty and contemptible things born of cheap politics.  
I cannot blame others for questioning my patriotism and loyalty,  
The dividing line between ignorance and disloyalty is often dim,  
I know that my record and the history of our times is against me.  
My hands are not very clean, and I don't feel so talkative today.  
But I thank God that at long last I am just an American,  
That I want to be only an American, first, last and all the time,  
And one who wishes to atone for his dumbness and his unenviable record,  
By serving humanity in an inhuman world of hate and treachery,  
And by trusting God hereafter, instead of fools.

Dec. 12, 1941

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# 'For Organization Needs'

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Now this, we know, is the same union that carried on a violent lawless insurrection in Michigan by the tolerance of Justice Frank Murphy of the U. S. Supreme Court when he was governor, a default of duty for which he was repudiated by the majority of the people of the state. It is also the same which, later, made another insurrection, this time against the interests, authority and safety of the United States of America and in the interests of Soviet Russia, at the North American Aviation Plant in California.

Several leaders of that California insurrection which was denounced as the work of alien forces hostile to this country by President Roosevelt, himself, were temporarily dismissed by the union as a political gesture but since Pearl Harbor, have been restored to their old positions of power. You, George Speavin, American, with a son in the South Pacific, are compelled to join this union as an imposition on your patriotism and your love of your son. You want to make airplanes, but you can't do it unless you join this union under these bosses. You hate the outfit because you have followed its history and you resent coercion and trickery, but your New Deal government, moving inexorably toward the subjugation of all Americans, but starting with the workers, has sold you out to men whom the President, in a moment when it suited his purpose to be candid, denounced as enemies of your country.

## You Can't Refuse

That, however, was only the first step. Now you are taxed a dollar today, another dollar next month, and a day's pay later on, according to the plans and the political judgment of the union bosses, to create a fund to enable them to extend their Fascism to other American citizens like you to hire and transport thugs to terrify these others into bondage, to finance take and corrupt dealings, as in the Allis-Chalmers case, and to flood congressional districts with cash to defeat pro-American and anti-Fascist candidates who might pass laws to liberate you and your fellow-citizens from Fascism.

You can't refuse to contribute to this fund to lighten the bonds on your own wrists. If you do refuse, you go under the closed shop or union maintenance shop. You have your choice. If you quit, that kid in the Solomons won't have your contribution to the aircraft production. If you stay on, paying as you are ordered to by your masters, you are helping to destroy at home those freedoms which the kid is fighting to extend to the little brown brothers of the Orient. You are forging chains to be snapped on him the day he comes back. If he ever does.

Now a covering letter addressed to "Dear Fellow Member," says the union is not "demanding" this money, in flat contradiction of the notice on the board, which says the financial secretary of the local has been "ordered to collect" it, and that it "must be paid." That is their usual way of giving you to believe you are a free man, just as an animal in a zoo thinks he is free until he tries to go past the bars which confine him. You will find no exact parallel of all this in the book of Mussolini or Hitler. It is a distinctive peculiarity of New Deal Fascism. But it is Fascism, nevertheless, although the real Fascists in your government and in the union movement will damn you as a labor-baiting Fascist for daring to say so.

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Friday, July 30, 1943

## By Pegler

### Trends Toward Fascism

NEW YORK, July 29.—In analyzing our own brand of Fascism, introduced and fostered by the New Deal government, we must keep in mind always that in each country which has fallen under Fascism there were slight variations of method, al-



though in every case the objective has been the same, the seduction and creeping subjugation of the people.

Thus, certain Fascistic moves which have been made by the unions in the United States, although they plainly have that objective, may have no exact parallel in any move that was made in either Italy or Germany. And thus, the authors of these stealthy attacks on the

Westbrook Pegler freedom of Americans and the integrity of the American system may plausibly deny that they are Fascists and defy anyone to cite any precedent from the books of Mussolini or Hitler.

Let me, therefore, discuss a familiar process in our trend toward Fascism or, if you prefer, toward Communism, there being no essential difference between the two.

I have beside me a circular, "approved for posting" on the bulletin boards of the Fleetwings airplane factory in Bristol, Pa., by Local No. 130 of the United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, CIO.

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August 18, 1943

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 30, 1943, with enclosures, has been received and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending along to me this material. I appreciate also having your observations and suggestions and hope you will not hesitate to write whenever you have information which might be of assistance to us.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C.

If you cannot shut up Westbrook Pegler, and his likes, now  
that God help the United States.

July 30, 1943.

WESTBROOK PEGLER AGAIN OUT OF BOUNDS.

In his editorials in the New York World Telegram of July 28, 1943, Westbrook Pegler laced into all the labor unions and New Dealers as Fascists and Communists, and July 29 he roundly declaimed against our Vice President Henry A. Wallace as a Fascist New Dealer and Communist. Pegler is out to destroy the present Administration, and any Administration, that would consider the rights of the worker, and to destroy the labor unions, and have our Congress controlled by the puppets of moneyed and industrial groups with free reign to exploit the workingman. It is largely through his unceasing attacks that the word New Deal is become a word of odium, so one is afraid to admit he is a New Dealer because that would be tantamount to admitting one were a Fascist or Communist. Because of our alliance with Russia, Pegler is soft pedalling the Communist motif and is developing the Fascist theme.

Labor will not without a strong fight yield up its right to reasonable social legislation designed to protect it from exploitation. Nor does this writer mean to condemn the moneyed and industrial group by and large. Indeed his livelihood depends on them. But Pegler is fomenting hatred and animosity between the labor class and the moneyed and industrial class. Were he the hireling of Hitler, he could not attempt a better job.

One cannot swallow his claim that our Vice President Henry Wallace is a Fascist or Communist. Henry Wallace was a farm boy. For years he labored to produce Hybrid corn, the seed of which is used extensively in the United States, to produce bumper crops. Wallace was the editor of a farm magazine enjoying wide distribution in the United States. He knows farming is hard work, and with crop failures, blights, droughts, overproduction, etc. it very often yields only a precarious living. He knows the terrible poor farmers the ~~xxx~~ poor tenant farmers, and poorer farm hands. Farmers know they benefited by the activity of the present administration during ~~xxxx~~ depression years. Nor will the large numbers of unemployed during depression years who received aid through the present Administration when private industry and capital went on a sit down strike, prescribe to Pegler's views.

While this writer does not say it is the duty of private industry to keep our citizens employed, it may well be the duty of our government to do so. Indeed, any administration that will permit large numbers of its citizens to starve because employment cannot be obtained (and this is a failure of our capitalistic system) can hardly expect to continue long in power in a country where universal suffrage prevails.

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There is certainly a moral obligation, if not a positive duty, upon a government to consider the needs and well being of its citizens, so that it is right and proper for a government to alleviate their sufferings and hardships. Such activity by a government is not an interference with the right of private enterprise, nor competing with private enterprise. Yet private enterprise not only has the temerity to castigate government for such proper activity in its own sphere, but also to seek by all means in its power to bring about the downfall of such government, and to replace it with a government that will consider only the moneyed and industrial classes. There can be no doubt that private enterprise has been guilty of interfering with the proper activities and duties of our Government to its citizens; that private industry refuses to accept a government by the governed, but rather seeks a government by the moneyed and industrial classes.

A private enterprise that ever seeketh itself, and never considereth the common good, is not in the best interests of the United States. While private enterprise is necessarily selfish for the end is profit, there are limits which a democratic government cannot permit it to transcend, it cannot be permitted to interfere with the government's duties to its citizens.

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thing being done about it? He gets letters and letters with his writings.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature block]

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These articles reflect on the intelligence of the American people.



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Edgar Howard  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are

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# Big Business Knows There's No Real Profit in This or Any War---Pegler

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

*New York.*

**D**ENUNCIATION of Fascism comes glibly from those who use the word as a big, rugged rock to heave at all who resist their attempts to make over American society and economy.

Fascism, to such minds, is big business—the same big business which has achieved the colossal production of the weapons, vehicles and vessels of war which smashed the Axis in Africa and Italy and enabled Communist Russia to save her life when her own long and secret preparations for war fell alarmingly short of sufficiency.

It is odd that such men, if they are Fascists, were so enthusiastic over manufacturing war goods on a scale that Hitler and Mussolini never thought possible, and that some of them and the sons of many of them went to the war in person to kill Fascists.

Nor can it be said, when this marvelous production has killed Fascism in Europe, and possibly permitted the Communists to substitute their equivalent of Fascism in large areas, that Ameri-

can big business provoked the war as a means of selling its products and making profits.

These men knew there would be no real profit for them or anyone else in this war and they lagged until war was upon us because the government had no plans for them and because they still remembered that their kind had been called remnants of death after the last one.

They realize now, moreover, that when this war is won, some great change must occur in the United States, because the debt will have to be written off one way or another and 10 million fighters will have to be absorbed back into domestic life and twice that many civilians will have to be relocated, fed and employed.

**THEY WANTED NO SUCH CHANGE IN THE UNITED STATES.**

They have seen the New Deal imposing more and more of Fascism or Communism (for they are interchangeable in all important points).

Their "reforms" have been taken from the book of Lenin rather than from Mein Kampf, yet the effect is the same.

Hitler and Mussolini also promised and gave their people pensions, vacations, fixed wages, medical care and something called security against their employers.



Pegler

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We have had a parallel here in the years since 1932. We have seen mobs operating under special permission from the state.

properties have been taken over by the national government merely because the owner would not sign contracts with third parties or terms dictated by the government. Thus, as

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August 23, 1943

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Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge your letter of recent date, with enclosures.

I have carefully reviewed the content of your communication and enclosures and wish to thank you for volunteering your comments and observations in this regard.

In the event you obtain any information which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, please feel free to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Saint Paul Field Division which is located at 404 New York Building, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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August, 9<sup>th</sup> 1943.

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Director F.B.I.  
Mr J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Mr Hoover:

The enclosed news clipping reports one of  
(I feel sure) more of this kind of business in  
the A.F. of L. U.M.W. of A. and other branches of the C.  
It may be of interest to our Justice Department  
Yours very truly,

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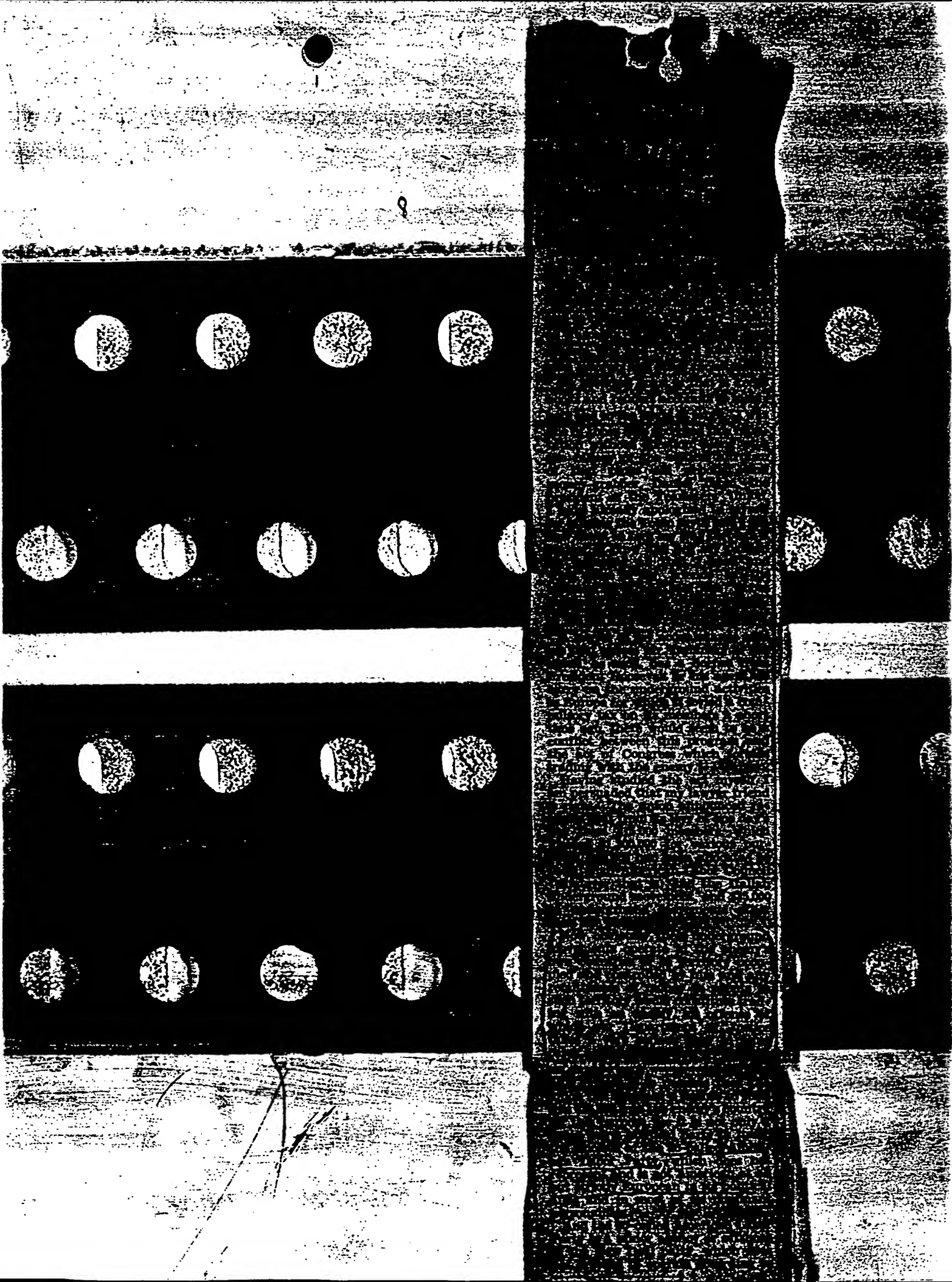
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the American political tradition, with its own ticket of candidates, but, being European by nature, uses the European minority-party methods of existing as a parasite on the other parties.

It indorses New Deal candidates and, by the power of organization, backed by the power of coercion over its members, turns out quite a block of votes on the A. L. P. ticket, which entitle it to special political consideration from the New Deal.

For this reason it may have been granted a special permit to trade with the enemy as such trading is defined in the act of Congress, but if so, the only reason would be political because the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union has no more right to engage in such operations than the Port Chester Garden Club, the B. P. O. E. or the Silver Shirts.

#### FUND UNACCOUNTED FOR

How does anybody know who gets this \$85,000, and how does anybody know it isn't being used by the enemy himself? Nobody knows except those who are in charge of the underground activities and they, of course, won't tell and there goes our pretty myth about the scrupulous accountancy of Mr. Dubinsky's union.

The members, themselves, did not want to be a party to this but they had no say about it. The union told their bosses to check off one day's pay and that was all there was to it. If they objected to the point of refusal they would be fired for not keeping themselves in good standing with their union, even though their money was being taken from them for charities to which some of them had already made their own contributions and to a number of foreign relief organizations, and even though their work might be vital war work, as the phrase goes.

Incidentally, more and more unions are taking it on themselves to decide how much the members shall give to the Red Cross and other organizations and some are beginning to move in and claim, in return, a share of the community funds on the ground that their social activities are meritorious like those of Red Cross and the U.S.O.

#### VACATION PAY SYSTEM

Mr. Dubinsky's union also has been collecting by checkoff an amount equal to 3 percent of its members' pay, but in addition to their pay, from employers, as a vacation fund and has been sprinkling new-mown rose petals all over Mr. Dubinsky and his close associates for obtaining this vacation pay.

But when time came for the union to distribute the checks, instead of paying the members such small interest as they would have been entitled to on the money which had lain to their credit in the union treasury as it accumulated month by month, the union actually deducted 3 percent as a bookkeeping charge.

I have simply got to be more skeptical about unions. *me t*

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August 26, 1943

Dear [REDACTED]

I have for acknowledgment your letter of recent date, with enclosure.

You may be assured that I have carefully noted the content of your communication and enclosure and wish to thank you for bringing the information contained therein to my attention.

In the event you obtain any information which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, please feel free to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Pittsburgh Field Division which is located at 620 New Federal Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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New York 7, New York

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August 24, 1943

Director, FBI

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Re: ~~NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA~~  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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ON 12/5/83

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the original and three copies of a three-page log reflecting two conferences: [redacted] of the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION, and a woman identified [redacted] the other, between [redacted] and an unidentified individual in the office of [redacted]. Both of these conferences took place on August 16, according to Confidential Informant [redacted].

It is believed that [redacted] and [redacted] mentioned in the log refer to [redacted] and [redacted] in New York City.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY, SAC  
APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY SLIP  
DATE 12/9/83

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(In late)

August 16, 1943.  
5:15 P.M.

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To :  
From :

.....on libel and we can't reach our attorneys, and none of our national officers are around, and we have already issued a phone statement to the press, and we wanted to get your opinion if we ought to wire them to change that word. This is it briefly: National Maritime Unions ....with JOSEPH CURRAN, it's President, will picket the World Telegram from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m., et cetera, in protest against treasonable statements by columnist WESTBROOK PEGLEVE against the valiant men of the Merchant Marine. We're worried about that word treasonable. ....(indistinct). Yeah. I think it should come out. I don't think you can take a chance on it.

See, we feel here in the office that we have a case against the guy. You have a case against the guy, but it's a very strong statement in time of war. I know you feel like making it, so do I, but I would want it in some other way so that there could be a looser interpretation. Unpatriotic is not strong enough for your purpose, huh?

No, vile would be more like it.  
Vile is all right.

Vile is all right?  
Sure.

....(indistinct) and it somehow would mean that we're backtracking, to the press.

Yeah, but you cannot call a guy a traitor. It's awful strong stuff. If you want another opinion, why, call around a little more, but I would very much hesitate before issuing a statement of that sort.

Anyone else you can suggest to check with,  
Did you call (PH)

No.  
Well, not in the office today.

Oh.  
I'll tell you who to call. Call (PH). Tell him I suggested you call him for an opinion on this.

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Where could I reach him?  
At his office. Wait, I'll give you the number.

Right.

I think he's back from vacation. I tell you. Suppose I get an opinion on it and I call you.

Swell, that's [REDACTED]

Yeah.

Okay.

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Outgoing

August 16, 1943.  
5:10 P.M.

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To: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Oh yes.

.....personal friend of .....(indistinct). Would you tell me whether you can be sued for calling a guy a traitor. You just say right out he made a treasonable statement, is that libelous?

Did you write it down?  
It was dictated over the phone.

What, did it appear, in the newspaper?  
Yeah.

Yeah, I guess you can.  
You can, can be sued?

Sure, what?  
Can be sued or you can't say it.

You can't say it unless you have the proof.  
Well, that's a vague thing. I mean we're thinking about WESTBROOK PEGLER.

No, it's a libelous statement.  
It is. Oh boy.

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Yeah, you're imputing him with a crime.  
It is.

Yeah, and that's what is known as libel per se. You are -  
You thank, I mean, we want to thank you, it's a little .....(indistinct).

Okay then.  
Okay, thanks.

All right.

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New York, N. Y.

JMG: PAS  
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August 20, 1943

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Director, FBI

RE: NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA  
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Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: WESTBROOK PEGLER

Considerable publicity was given the fact that the National Maritime Union on August 19, 1943, threw a picket line around the New York World Telegram Building in New York City, protesting the attacks made by Westbrook Pegler in his column on the Communist Party and the National Maritime Union.

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Respectfully,

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Director, FBI.

RE: ~~NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA~~  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S)  
DATE 12/9/83

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the original and three copies of a four-page log representing a conference between [redacted] and [redacted] of the Great New York Industrial Union Council which conference took place on August 17 and a conference between unidentified girls, one at the offices of the IMU and one at the office of [redacted] conference took place on August 18, according to Confidential Informant [redacted]

It is believed that the following individuals mentioned on the log may be identified as:

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Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
SAC.

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August 18, 1943.  
10:13 A.M.

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To :

From:

Girls at N.M.U.

.....and I want the names of the unions that you notified with respect to the demonstration tomorrow.

Girl: Will you hold the line please? The one that you want to speak to is speaking on another telephone.

All right.

2nd girl: Hello,

Girl at N.M.U.: Hello, yeah, do you want to give me the names of the organizations that you contacted?

2nd girl: Yeah, I called [redacted] Now, you see, I called them yesterday before you called back to tell me that the picketing was going to extend. I told them from twelve to two, and I was going to call back today. Are you going to call them?

Girl, N.M.U.: Yes, we'd like to get in touch with all these people.

2nd girl: Well, wait one minute until I get my complete list. I'm in the wrong .....(indistinct)

Girl, N.M.U.: All right, thanks a lot.

2nd girl: Can you hold on one second?

Girl, N.M.U.: Yeah, right.

2nd girl :

Girl, N.M.U.: Do you have the telephone numbers handy?

2nd girl: Yes, hold on, wait a minute.

Girl, N.M.U.: Okay. (This girl speaks away from telephone while waiting: Except that she said from twelve to two. Oh, you called again? Oh, then I can check that as -)

2nd girl: Hello, [redacted] That's [redacted]

Girl, N.M.U.: Okay, I have that.

2nd girl: State County .....(indistinct).

Girl, N.M.U.: Now, all these people think it's from twelve to two, is that right?

2nd girl: That's right. That's what I told them when I called them.

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is [REDACTED]  
Girl, N.M.U.: Yes.  
2nd girl: [REDACTED]  
Girl, N.M.U.: Who's at [REDACTED]  
2nd girl: [REDACTED] (indistinct)  
Girl, N.M.U.: Yes.  
2nd girl: ....and get him. Sorry, I don't know that one, .....(indistinct).  
Girl, N.M.U.: Okay, I'll get the number of that one, it's all right.  
2nd girl: And the Regional Shoe Workers. Try to get [REDACTED] down there. I spoke to [REDACTED] He said that most of their people were geographically too far away, but if it's later they may be able to do something, and that's [REDACTED]  
Girl, N.M.U.: Okay.  
2nd girl: And in addition I was to call today the Transport Workers Union. I haven't called them yet. [REDACTED] The Fur Joint Board; speak to, that's [REDACTED]  
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Girl, N.M.U.: [REDACTED]  
2nd girl: Yeah. I think it's [REDACTED]  
Girl, N.M.U.: [REDACTED]  
2nd girl: [REDACTED]  
Girl, N.M.U.: Okay.  
2nd girl: And the Fur Joint Council, [REDACTED]  
Girl, N.M.U.: [REDACTED]  
2nd girl: Yeah, ask to speak to [REDACTED] that's [REDACTED]  
Girl, N.M.U.: All right.  
2nd girl: Now, do you want me to call them and recheck on that or will you do this?  
Girl, N.M.U.: Well, I would like to call them this morning. Now if you feel that it will emphasize the thing by calling them back this afternoon that would be okay.  
2nd girl: Okay.  
Girl, N.M.U.: See, I'm going to call them immediately.  
2nd girl: All right.  
Girl, N.M.U.: Now, let's see, you gave me U.F., right?  
2nd girl: That's right.

Girl, N.M.U.: Because we want to get in touch with that too, and Local 65 has been taken care of.

2nd girl : Yup.

Girl, N.M.U.: Okay, then, we'll get in touch with them this morning and you can call them back again this afternoon.

2nd girl : All right.

Girl, N.M.U.: Thanks a lot.

2nd girl : Bye-bye.

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To:

From:

Secretary: and I'll do that right away. It's at noon tomorrow, is that right, at 120.

: No, it's at noon Thursday.

S: He told me tomorrow. Wait a minute, let me check with you and see if I have got everything correct. Noon Thursday at 125 Barclay Street.  
Yes, it will run from noon until 2:00.

S: Noon until two.

The second point I wanted to ask [redacted] coming back today?

S: Well, not until about 5:30.

He knows about [redacted] for the N.M.U., the convention?

S: I don't know, but I'll tell him.

Well, he probably does. And the letter for [redacted] that [redacted] ought to have for him making him the representative also of the C.I.O. and of the Junior (?) Council.

S: You mean you want [redacted] to get out a letter? That he can take down with him.

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S: That he can take down with him.  
And he's taking the 5:20 plane tomorrow night.

S: Well I'll see that he gets that message.  
The name is [REDACTED]

S: Yes, I know.  
(They both spell [REDACTED])

Yeah.

S: And he's leaving on the 5:30 train tomorrow.  
The 5:20 plane.

S: Plane. Tomorrow.  
Yeah, .....(indistinct) Friday.

S: That's tomorrow.  
Yeah, he's leaving tomorrow night.

S: And you want a letter, yeah, I understand. Okay.  
And as soon as such a letter is drafted don't mail it out, just in case  
it has to be picked up, it may not have enough time.

S: I'll see that it's either sent down by hand or contact you.  
Right.

S: All right.  
Okay.

S: Okay.

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Mr. Hoover: WASHINGTON, D.C.  
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Why don't you investigate  
"Columnist" Westbrook Pegler for  
his pro-Hitler columns, every one  
of which is sowing seeds of dis-  
unity in the War - Line America?  
We are sure he is taking Hitler's  
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Director, FBI

RE: WESTBROOK PEGLER

Dear Sir:

[redacted] reporter with the New York Journal American, called at this office today and confidentially advised that columnist Westbrook Pegler has received information that Lieutenant Colonel Karel Hron of the Czechoslovak Information Service, and who acts as Liaison Officer of Intelligence Matters in this country for the Czechoslovak Government, has been circulating a story to the effect that Mr. Pegler "is in the pay of the German Government."

In this regard, [redacted] stated that Lieutenant Colonel Hron has also reportedly alleged he has documentary proof that when Mr. Pegler was in Paris, France, presumably in 1936, he got into financial trouble and that "Nazi officials bailed him out."

[redacted] inquired as to the full name, designation and address of Lieutenant Colonel Hron stating that Mr. Pegler desired to contact him personally and confront him with these allegations which, of course, Mr. Pegler declares are absolutely untrue [redacted] was advised of the full name of Lieutenant Colonel Hron and it was suggested that he might be contacted through the Czechoslovak Consulate in New York City.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge



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F.C. HIBBERD, GENERAL MANAGER

NEW YORK,

Feb. 15th. 1944

To the Hon. V. Edgar Hoover

Supt & Head of F.B.I. Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover.-

As subscribers of the N.Y. World-Telegram we are shocked time and again by the animosity shown by one of their columnists Westbrook Pegler and published by the above newspaper, to the President his family in general and to Mrs. Roosevelt in particular. I enclose a clipping from last night's edition Feb. 14th. and besides being nauseated by his common and vulgar writing, I would like to know if there is no way of stopping these tirades and insinuations against our President and commander in chief?

The wonderful work you are doing and the latitude which your department may cover, is it possible to put a stop to what I consider to be traitorous as well as in exceedingly bad taste.

Trusting you may be able to give the above a little of your valuable time if possible. I am

Yours very sincerely

I prefer to give my home address as these are my personal views and may not be those of my firm or other employees.

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# Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—"I see," said Mrs. George Spelvin, American, "where the Gab says —"



"If you please," Mr. Spelvin said, "I will respectfully have to ask you to kindly refrain from such disrespectful remarks about a fellow member of the fair sex who, even if you sometimes do not happen to agree on certain matters why, after all I think it is incumbent on you to refrain from —"

"Well," Mrs. Spelvin said, "it must be in your mind, my handsome knight, because I only said 'I see where the Gab says' and you right away try to censure my freedom of speech under the sacred heritage of the Constitution, when for all you know I might be talking about —"

"You know very well who you were talking about, my pin-up," Mr. Spelvin said, "and you seem to forget that we are life-partners so if you shoot off your trap in an unbecoming manner and it gets around that you are resorting to unwise comments on matters that you don't know anything about, why then it will be very embarrassing to me and it is incumbent on me, as your husband, to exercise my authority as head of our little family to slap you down in no uncertain terms."

"And if that is the case, my master," Mrs. Spelvin said, "do you think all husbands should do likewise if their wife happens to sound off her bazoo all the time and give the people a rest because you have got to admit that when I run off at the face it is only you and our loved ones and a few neighbors who hear it and I don't go running around with a lot of gummy Communist bums and get on the radio and stick my cupid's bow mouth up against that thing and whoop and holler how to raise other people's kids or everybody ought to break up house-keeping and the husband goes off to East St. Louis or some place where the blondes have got plenty of speed and curves and work in a foundry and the

old lady she has got to hire out to a laundry in Camden so we check the little kiddies at some parking place where some scrawny flat-heel child psychology expert that nobody ever even made a pass at much less had a kid, why she tells them the Bible is a pack of lies—"

"That is a deliberate exaggeration and distortion of the true facts without scintilla of truth," said Mr. Spelvin, "because you know she never said any such of a thing."

"Who didn't?" said Mrs. S.

"You know who didn't," he said.

"I know a hell of a lot who didn't," his ever-loving treasure said, "but I just wonder how you happen to pick out any certain one. You don't mean the Queen of England, do you?"

"No, I don't mean the Queen of England."

"Mrs. Churchill?"

"No, not Mrs. Churchill."

"Am I getting close?"

"You are getting pretty dam silly, if that is what you mean," Mr. Spelvin said. "You are making a fool of yourself."

"But only in the privacy of our own little love-bower," she said. "I don't go out and blab all over the country and mess in other people's business and butt in on your job at the office. I don't do that do I? Maybe you would like that. Maybe I better go down to your office tomorrow and give orders around to all the help, and write articles about the firm and how we live at home."

"Shut up," said Mr. Spelvin.

"Oh," Mrs. Spelvin said. "Bigotry, hey? You are prejudiced against me because I am your life-partner and help-meet. Help-meet so I can't have my four freedoms. I think I will go out and make a speech that George Spelvin, American, is a dirty Fascist and a Hitlerite appeaser because he strangles his own wife's freedom of expression and doesn't believe in equal rights for all so we will lose the peace and our sacrifice will be in vain."

"Talk, talk, talk," Mr. Spelvin said. "You talk too much with your face."

"Me and anybody else?" said Mrs. Spelvin.

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For your information, however, the matter you mentioned is not a violation of a federal law within the jurisdiction of the FBI and we are, therefore, not able to take action of any kind.

Sincerely yours,

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI.  
 FROM : *W. Vincent* J. W. Vincent - SAC, Baltimore  
 SUBJECT: "Fair Enough" by WESTBROOK PEGLER

DATE: August 22, 1944

There is being furnished for the information of the Bureau, a newspaper column entitled "Fair Enough", by WESTBROOK PEGLER, which appeared in the "Morning News", Wilmington, Delaware, on August 21, 1944.

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## Fair Enough

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—John Edgar Hoover of the FBI has written a piece in which he splatters himself all over with new-mown gardenias for the wonderful work his bureau did in holding in check any disagreeable intentions of the Japanese spies and saboteurs after Pearl Harbor.

Yeah, after Pearl Harbor. But what about before Pearl Harbor and up to 7:55 a. m., Honolulu time, Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941?

I mention this because the Democratic party's Presidential nominee has just visited Honolulu in the role of commander-in-chief, although the responsibility and blame for the disaster may yet be shown to belong in considerable part to him, and because here we find Hoover, a very good hand at praising his own works, taking bows right and left in acknowledgment of his own applause.

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What the Roberts Committee means by "enemy" activities at a time when we had no enemies you can go ahead and guess. While you are guessing, I am going to be thinking that it seems pretty peculiar that if we did have "enemies" at that time, the commander-in-chief didn't let Kimmel and Short in on the secret.

All right, so on a certain date, not mentioned in the report, the FBI established an office in Hawaii and became "primarily responsible for investigation of matters connected with the civil population."

"There were, prior to Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese spies on the island of Oahu," the report says. "Some were Japanese consular agents, and others persons having no open relations with the Japanese foreign service. These spies collected and, through various channels, transmitted information to the Japanese empire respecting the military and naval establishments and dispositions on the islands."

Well, so the FBI made "efforts" to uncover espionage but, because we were "at peace" in the committee's words, with a nation which it has just referred to as the enemy, the FBI couldn't resort to certain methods of "obtaining the content of messages transmitted by radio over the commercial lines between Oahu and Japan."

You know what the certain methods are. Tapping wires, copying down radiograms, prowling wastebaskets and bribing household help, delivery boys and all such as that. The kind of thing that the FBI and all smart cops do all the time in routine police work among the civilians at home.

"The bureau (FBI) and the local intelligence chiefs were unable, prior to Dec. 7, to obtain significant information respecting Japanese plans and fleet movements in the direction of Hawaii," the report says. And there were 200 Jap consular agents; and the Navy Intelligence wondered if they shouldn't be pinched for failing to register as foreign agents. General Short thought not, however, at least until they had been put on warning and given a chance to register. That looks pretty dumb of Short, but then you have to remember that such a roundup would have raised an awful row and that both he and Kimmel had been ordered to do nothing that would cause unnecessary publicity and alarm. There is no statement as to whether the FBI was under similar orders of restraint, but anyway Short's mere objections were not binding on the FBI. And the 200 spies were not molested.

"The Japanese consul sent to, and received from Tokyo many messages on commercial radio circuits," the report continues. "This activity greatly increased toward Dec. 7. The content of these messages might have furnished valuable information."

"In view of the peaceful relations with Japan and consequent restrictions on the activities of the investigating agencies, they were unable, prior to Dec. 7, to obtain messages transmitted through commercial channels by the Japanese consul or by persons acting for him."

Who put those restrictions on the FBI, then? Well, Francis Biddle, the attorney general, is John Edgar Hoover's boss; and the only man with authority to give such orders to Biddle is President Roosevelt.

Does this mean, and is anyone naive enough to believe, that we aren't watching the Argentines in Washington these days, or the Spaniards, even though we do enjoy "peaceful relations" with them?

Maybe we aren't. After reading this portion of the Roberts thing you are willing to believe almost anything.

I guess you can't come right out and blame John Edgar for not tapping wires and grabbing those radio messages out of the air considering the "restrictions." But if you had been the head cop, don't you think you might have had a social friend in the cable office who might gossip and blab a little over a bottle of beer at night? And wouldn't you have had some friend who was an amateur radio nut with an amusing habit of writing down what he heard going on coming between Japan and Honolulu?

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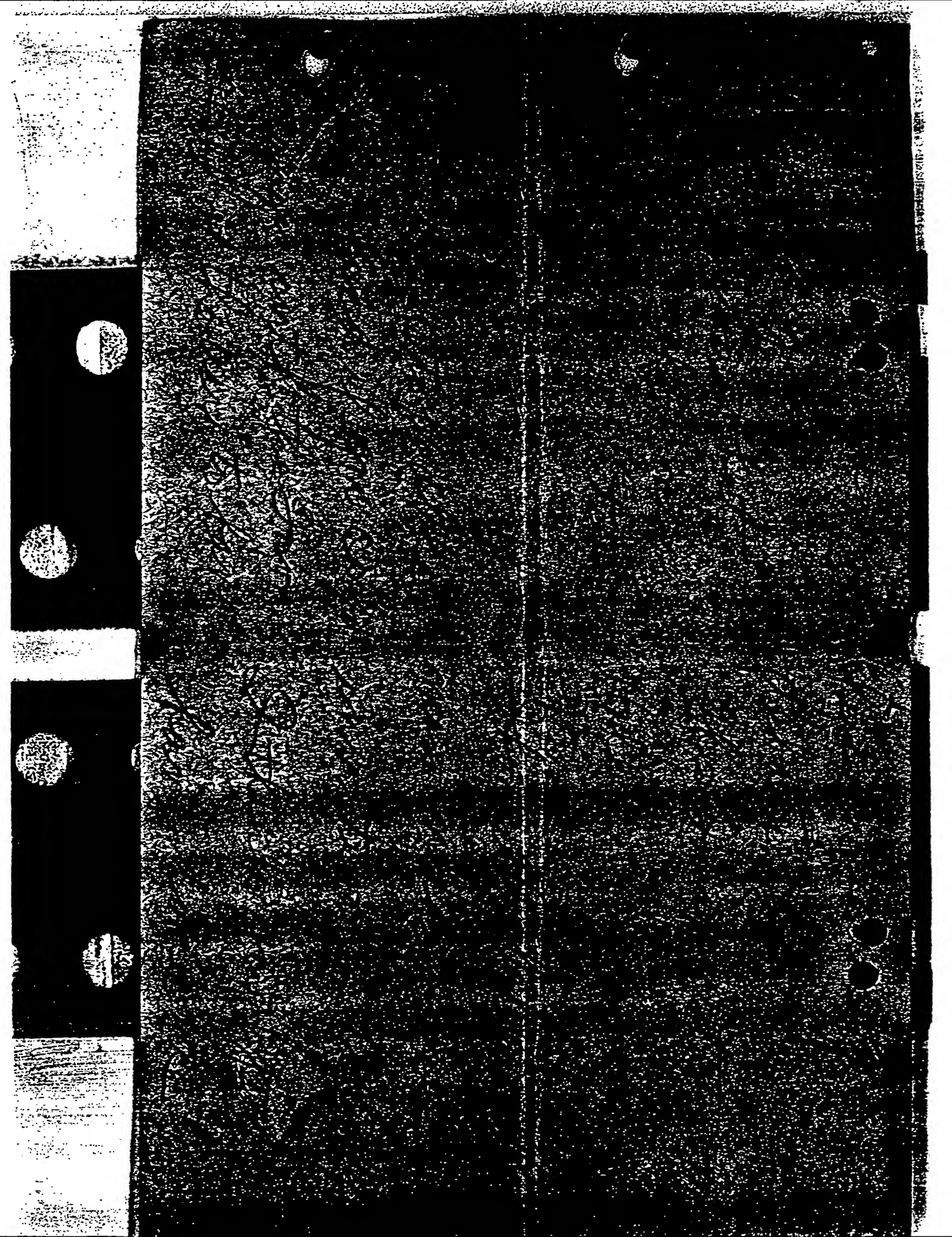
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Mr. Edgar J. Hoover,  
Bureau of Federal Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Westbrook Pegler's article of today clipped from the New York World-Telegram is enclosed for your attention and for whatever action may be appropriate.

What the legal aspects may be I do not know, but it seems clear that his diatribes, of which this is the most intemperate I have seen, cannot but undermine confidence, in war, in the President of the United States and Commander in Chief of its armed forces, and therefore should be controlled.

Very truly yours,

cc- Franklin D. Roosevelt - White House, Washington, D. C.  
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1944

New York

## Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler

President Roosevelt has announced that he will make a political speech on Sept. 23 at the annual dinner of the Teamsters Union, whose president,



Uncle Dan Tobin, used to have a side-job hanging around the White House and is now on the so-called labor division of the Democratic National Committee.

This will be a public speech so we may be sure its tone will be lofty and its language noble.

If, however, the meeting were closed and Mr. Roosevelt were speaking intimately and in perfect frankness to the union dignitaries the occasion would call for some remarks about as follows:

Well, you mugs, so you are going to support me in the election, are you? Do you know any more jokes?

Who else would you support? You know what that Dewey did to some of your crowd up in New York, don't you? He socked them away in the boob for racketeering and that is just what he will do to a lot more of you clowns if you don't get out and hustle. So don't kid me that you are doing me any favors in supporting your great progressive leader, that historic friend of labor, the workingman's protector and your noble commander in chief. You are in there pitching for yourselves because you know that the minute I leave the White House the party is over for you and all the others like you.

Sometimes I wonder how I had the gall to put over some of the things I have done for you.

Here is old Dan. Take a look at him. The horny-handed teamsters' revered and worthy president. Salary \$35,000 a year, plus unlimited expense, for himself and his wife and I hear you mugs put your heads together and figured out some way to ease his income tax, too. And then you go into a huddle down in Florida and, while old Dan goes down the hall to see a fellow, you decide to appropriate \$100,000 of the teamsters' dough, taken out of their wages, to buy him a royal winter palace, complete with furniture, servants, upkeep and all. But Dan heard that Jimmy Petrillo had to pay income tax on a house he got that way, so he declined, but you bought the joint, anyway, and use it for the rest of you

when you are weary of the strife of defending labor's gains.

And his two kids, Frank and Fred, on the union pay roll at \$10,000 a year. Why that is as much as I paid my boy, Jimmy, out of the taxpayers' money, to hang around the White House and do a little lobbying and keep out of mischief. And I am President of the United States, not just the Teamsters Union. And Jimmy was just one son on the pay roll at \$10,000 a year, not two.

I see Dave Beck there. Hello Dave, how is the lower-case Mussolini? How is your Pacific Coast dictatorship getting along? Do American citizens still have to get a nod from you to open a drug store, a delicatessen or a juke-joint? Do you still regulate how much people have to pay to get a pair of pants pressed in Seattle? How is your interstate boycott against California beer getting along?

Do you know what we would do to anyone but a unioner for doing what you have done?

Do you know how come you were able to get away with it? Take a look at me. That's how come. And so you are going to support me for a fourth term.

Boys, that sure is devotion.

Boys, do you remember the time my man Jimmy Byrnes wrote that opinion for the Supreme Court giving you the right to commit highway robbery? And how he said that a racketeer became an employee, entitled to wages, if he merely said he wanted to drive a truck from Jersey City into New York? I have been talking to Hoover over at the FBI and he tells me a lot of those guys had real interesting police records. Just hoodlums. But they were our hoodlums so we took care of them.

Boys, you are doing all right. Take it steady, but take it. I see where you have rounded up a lot of little girls and made them join the Teamsters and pay fees and dues just because they work in warehouses where you unload freight. That's the way, men, but, between us, let's have a laugh over these little kids in bobby sox being classified as teamsters.

Well, I have got to go. We understand each other and the public is kidded and you are getting yours. But you aren't kidding me. You mugs.

You had better support me. If you don't there goes your racket.

Now get out there and do your stuff.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your communication of September 5, 1944, with enclosure, is before me for acknowledgment.

The information outlined in your letter and enclosure has been carefully reviewed and your interest in writing as you did is most appreciated.

Should you obtain any information which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, please feel free to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Newark Field Division which is located at 1836 Raymond-Commerce Building, Newark 2, New Jersey.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Director, FBI

Attention: Mr. CLYDE TOLSON

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ON 12/5/83

Re: EDITORIAL WHICH APPEARED IN CINCINNATI  
POST ON 8/21/44 BY WESTBROOK PEGLER

Dear Sir:

Undoubtedly by now your attention has been called to a syndicated article prepared by WESTBROOK PEGLER entitled "FBI Is Scored For Laxness In Ferreting Out Jap Spies", which appeared in the Cincinnati Post on August 21, 1944. Insofar as the Cincinnati Post is concerned, the appearance of this article, of course, in no way reflects the editorial policies of that paper which has always been very warm in its praise of your work and the accomplishments of the FBI.

Nevertheless I wanted you to know that not only myself but all of the personnel of this office are chagrined and intensely annoyed by the tone of Mr. PEGLER's article. I was wondering if, in view of our local contacts, there is anything we might do in countering any effect that PEGLER's article might have in this area. Although I have had several people speak to me of the article, the vein of the comments is simply that PEGLER is barking up the wrong tree again.

It might be of further interest to you to know that PEGLER has a very poor reputation amongst the newspaper men whom I personally know in Cincinnati. I have found that the ethics of our local newspaper men are definite and of a high caliber. On different occasions, in discussing PEGLER's articles with them, various reporters have expressed in no uncertain terms their derision towards PEGLER and have advised me that practically all newspaper men share in feeling that PEGLER is not worthy of any type of respect even amongst newspaper men.

Sincerely,

T. E. NAUGHTEN, SAC

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Mr. T. E. Naughten  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
637 U. S. Post Office & Court House Building  
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Mr. Naughten:

I have received your thoughtful letter of August 23, 1944, in which you commented upon the recent critical column by Westbrook Pegler entitled "FBI Is Scored For Laziness in Ferreting Out Jap Spies."

In view of the past activities of this individual, it is not felt that anything can be gained by making an issue of the matter. You may be sure however that your interest is deeply appreciated.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. Edgar Hoover  
Mailed by the Director

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Director, FBI

RE: WESTBROOK PEGLER

Dear Sir:

The Bureau's attention is directed to the column prepared by the above-captioned writer dated at New York City on August 19, 1944 entitled "FBI and Japs in Hawaii."

I shall appreciate receiving any comments which may be made by me concerning this column should the occasion arise.

Very truly yours,

*L. V. Boardman*  
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What the Roberts committee means by "enemy" activities at a time when we had no enemies you can go ahead and guess. While you are guessing, I am going to be thinking that it seems pretty peculiar that if we did have "enemies" at that time, the commander in chief didn't let Kimmel and Short in on the secret.

All right, so on a certain date, not mentioned in the report, the FBI established an office in Hawaii and became "primarily responsible for investigation of matters connected with the civil population."

"There were, prior to December 7, 1941, Japanese spies on the island of Oahu," the report says. "Some were Japanese consular agents, and others persons having no open relations with the Japanese foreign service. These spies collected and, through various channels, transmitted information to the Japanese Empire

respecting the military and naval establishments and dispositions on the islands."

Well, so the FBI made "efforts" to uncover espionage but, because we were "at peace," in the committee's words, with a nation which it has just referred to as the enemy, the FBI couldn't resort to certain methods of "obtaining the content of messages transmitted by radio over the commercial lines between Oahu and Japan."

You know what the certain methods are. Tapping wires, copying down radiograms, prowling wastebaskets and bribing household help, delivery boys and all such as that—the kind of thing that the FBI and all smart cops do all the time in routine police work among the civilians at home.

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Maybe we aren't. After reading this portion of the Roberts thing you are willing to believe almost anything.



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John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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With reference to your communication of August 29th regarding the Pegler Column of a derogatory nature to the Bureau, this article was no surprise, bearing in mind Pegler's past attitude. A careful reading of the piece, however, reflects that the Bureau was unable to act at Pearl Harbor and then goes on to inquire as to who put restrictions on the Bureau.

It is believed inadvisable to make any public statement on the Bureau's work at Pearl Harbor at this time in view of the current inquiries that are being made by the special Army Board and in view of the manner in which Pearl Harbor has been injected into the current campaign.

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Dear Sir:

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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ON 12/6/83

RE: WESTBROOK PEGLER

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thought you would be interested to know the manner in which the column written by Westbrook Pegler recently relating to the Pearl Harbor incident was treated by [REDACTED] the San Antonio Express.

[REDACTED] described the article as scurrilous and an unjustified attack on the Bureau. He further described Westbrook Pegler as a "crack pot" [REDACTED]

For your further confidential information, [REDACTED] the following day secured permission [REDACTED] to cancel the contract of the San Antonio Express for Pegler's column. The severance of the contract was consummated on September 4, 1944. The San Antonio Express is the most widely read paper in South Texas which carries Pegler's column.

Very truly yours,

R. C. SURAN  
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Mr. J Edgar Hoover, Director  
 Department of Justice  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Indianapolis Star for Sunday October 1, 1944 which I believe contains an article in which you should be interested.

This is a hell of a thing to print if the small boys are to continue to believe that your department and men are above reproach. Also what will the people think of you for letting this condition exist?

Very truly yours

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge your communication of October 2nd, enclosing Mr. Westbrook Pegler's column which appeared in the Indiana Sun Star on October 1st.

Mr. Pegler was inaccurate in referring to the FBI as he did in the middle of his article.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

CC-Mr. Jones

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...for a general statement of the principles in Washington. The Secretary of the West had endured patiently Dean Dewey's appeals to the intelligence of those voters who still 'undecided.' They 'waited' however, that he would go into his role of Mr. District Attorney and pour it out.

As groundwork, Dewey's speech was long and had been necessary to get the group of affairs and his appointment to the campaign. The fact and tone of Roosevelt's remarks to the strage of his strong-arm auxiliary showed that Dewey had shaken him up with his program of jobs under free business enterprise rather than political charity from the party in power, paid out of deficits. The President had been bruised, too, by Dewey's emphasis on the long continuation of a panic inherited from the Republicans so long ago that millions of young fighting men know its origin only by historical hearsay. And Dewey's reiterated reminder that it took a war to take Roosevelt's 10,000,000 unemployed had split a lip and drawn blood.

**True Fauntleroy Humor.**

The corny little aside about Roosevelt's dog, Fala, having cost the taxpayers "two, or three, or twenty million dollars" was in the true, Fauntleroy humor of a man who was in charge of nursemaids until an age when others of his generation were playing fingers-the-cop, and whose mama held him so precious that he never went to public school with the uncouth sons of the common man because the lower classes have B.O.

The President hopped up the rumor that a destroyer was sent back to the Aleutians for his mull for an obvious purpose. He wanted to take the heat off some factual charges of outrageous extravagance for his own personal interest which will be heard soon. It is by no means certain that Roosevelt himself didn't start the rumor about the dog through Harold Ickes' secret police and scandal service or the dutiful FBI, as an easy one to knock down.

He probably was anticipating a report current on the Pacific coast that one of our big warships, with an enormous pay roll of men trained to fight, was laid up for a long time before and after his recent political and pleasure cruise, so that installations could be fired up for his accommodation and then torn out again before she could return to duty.

There are many congressmen in a position to demand the facts of this and to learn exactly what sort of wife monopolized on her flight to the Pacific and how many fliers and planes were out of the war with the Japs to

...is no longer a military secret that a ... has been maintained at public expense ... to the military effort, ever since ... to guard the Roosevelt private property ... Park with sentry boxes, communication wires and flood lights scattered over a wide range. The President seldom is there but the guard remains in greater strength and more elaborate organization than that of any other head of a winning nation except perhaps Hitler and Hirohito.

True Mrs. Roosevelt has been on residence ... the phrase goes, much of this summer she went underground, as it were, suspending her travels for the period of the campaign. But most wives stay with their husbands in times of danger and trial, and the necessity for such a pretentious guard at Hyde Park still needs explanation.

**Soft Under-Belly Vulnerable.**

For contrast, Dewey, living a few miles over the hill at Pawling, has only a few state police to give posts the bum's rush during his candidacy for the same job.

Grandeur is out of Dewey's line and his wealthy neighbor, the heir to a fortune honorably earned, according to his moral rights, by the President's distinguished grandfather, smuggling opium into China, probably has been expecting some contrasting revelations of the imperial appointments constantly surrounding his property and only occasionally his person.

This guard, alone, has cost more than a million dollars, all payable, in the President's own phrase, through the sweat of those who toil.

Dewey shrinks from low-down reports in a presidential campaign. His respect for the office is that of all small-town school boys, by contrast with the flippant vulgarity of a man who, while he speaks a personal endorsement of the President, never orders as their President. Dewey has so much more a reputation about political convenience and dignity than in the Department of Agriculture and the War Department. Dewey has so much more a reputation about political convenience and dignity than in the Department of Agriculture and the War Department. Dewey has so much more a reputation about political convenience and dignity than in the Department of Agriculture and the War Department.

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October 24, 1944

Mr. Westbrook Pegler  
King Features Syndicate  
235 East 45th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Pegler:

I have your letter of October 20, 1944, advising of the comments made by a woman, concerning a native of Germany with an FBI record among the President's corps of personal guardians. I have passed this along to the Secret Service which is responsible for the President's safety.

Your thoughtfulness in making this information available is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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October 25, 1944

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Dear [REDACTED]

It was really very thoughtful of you to write as you did on October 20, 1944, and enclose the newspaper clipping. The warm sentiments you expressed concerning our organization and my administration of it are indeed appreciated. You may be sure that all of us at the FBI will strive to maintain your support and commendation.

Sincerely yours,

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Oct 20 - 1944

Dear Mr Hoover

Kindly pardon this letter as I am at work + want to get this off in strict privacy.

Some time ago I enclosed a clipping written by this stuffed & swell head Nagel Loren, and here again he makes an attack upon you

Isn't it bad enough that he brought you into the Pearl Harbor question, but now it is smear.

Why don't you come out and tell the Pearl Harbor story he wrote + the loose on this write up.

I believe the Officers to be guilty. My son is an officer + has been in the service for 7 yrs + I know if it was home he would not side with them if they were guilty of what Alvin Pearson said they were

Read Drew Pearson article about you about Oct 15 - 1944. Pegler is out to get you thru Drews (over)

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It is a shame, when you think  
your Department worked so hard &  
prevented this country from being  
controlled by the Nazi & others,  
protecting birds like Byles, & then  
blasting you around Election.

Maybe you have some dope on  
the guy when he stopped  
working in the racket in N.Y.

Go get him & please pass  
this article to Mr. Early.

Wishing you continued success,

Jim

Yours very truly

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**Westbrook Pegler**

## Statler Case Mysteriously Sidetracked

ON THE evening of September 23, following President Roosevelt's oration to Dan Tobin's goons in the Hotel Statler, in Washington, two young naval officers, with good war records, were ganged and beaten by an overwhelming number of persons unknown whose conduct strongly indicated that they had been members of Mr. Roosevelt's audience.

The officers were quickly identified and exonerated of misconduct. Had they been drunk or had they provoked the fight, they undoubtedly would have been tried by courtmartial. The fact that no charges were made against them by either the Navy or the civil authorities of Washington vindicates them completely and indicts the hoodlums who attacked them. The victims said the gang went to work on them when they refused to promise to vote for Roosevelt in the election.

WASHINGTON is the headquarters of the vaunted Federal Bureau of Investigation whose chief, J. Edgar Hoover, has received more publicity than Hawkshaw the detective, old and young Kings Brady, Nick Carter and Sherlock Holmes, combined, much of it promoted by himself for his own gratification and renown through a journalistic claque.

Washington is the headquarters also of the Department of Justice which has general supervision over the local Grand Jury. Washington is the headquarters of the secret service and the other investigating forces of the Treasury, of the Army and Navy Intelligence Services and of Harold Ickes' gestapo. In addition, Washington has three police forces.

Yet, all these fabulous agencies, with thousands of detectives at their command, and with powers of subpoena, in more than three weeks have been unable to make a single arrest or even to identify a single one of the goons.

OLD DAN TOBIN, whom the President greeted affably as "Dan" in beginning his address, has not been dragged before the Grand Jury in the absence of a voluntary appearance and made to tell under oath just how much he knows about the gang attacks on the naval officers.

This would have been normal procedure in any law-abiding community where political influence did not interfere with the administration of justice. In New York county, Frank Hogan, the successor to Tom Dewey, would have shoved Mr. Tobin and his executive board into the Grand Jury room within 24 hours and the police, unless they were handcuffed by political orders from the City Hall to lay off friends of the administration, would have pinched the entire gang before the night was over and locked them up for assault.

THIS case presented the simplest kind of police problem. A bunch of hoodlums got drunk and, when the President had finished his speech, went out looking for trouble. Feeling that the President had endorsed the brutality for which they are notorious and which the Supreme Court solemnly approved in the disgraceful Byrnes opinion, they permitted themselves to be deceived by the young and slight appearance of the two officers.

All goons are yellow as they have repeatedly demonstrated in waylaying unsuspecting and defenseless wagon drivers in Chicago and beating their brains out with the ball-bats and in mobbing individual workers trying to go to their jobs in Seattle. These particular gorillas obviously did not realize that some men have courage against gangs and, from all published accounts, it appears that the naval officers kicked their ears off in a rousing rough and tumble.

UNDOUBTEDLY Mr. Tobin's influence quickly reached the White House and undoubtedly there is White House connivance in the mishandling of the police work by which the FBI is placed in the absurd position of being unable to pick up half a dozen disorderly drunks whose names undoubtedly are known to Mr. Hoover and to Steve Early, the President's secretary.

A Senate Committee has been making absurd passes at the case, with political motives directing both the inquiry and obstruction of the inquiry, but this is no proper business of a Congressional investigation. It is a straight police case in which nothing has been done because the gorillas were members of the following of Mr. Tobin and the President.

More than that, the Navy even tried, for political motives, to prevent news of the gang attack from reaching naval ships and stations in the war zones, although, by now, thousands of relatives and friends of individual blue jackets and officers will have mailed them clippings telling of the brawl.

IN THIS connection, you might be interested to learn that old Mr. Tobin, himself, is so fearful of violence to his own royal person that he and the rest of the ruling caste of the Teamsters' Union, are protected by a special union constitutional provision. An assault on a "General Officer," meaning Mr. Tobin or any member of his cabinet, by a persecuted rank and file member, comes in a special prosecution category under union law. Any member so charged must stand trial before the ruling clique, itself, in which case, the complaining witness sits as judge and prosecutor, as well, and may suffer any "discipline" which the board, of which Mr. Tobin is chairman, decrees.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

JOG:MCM

DATE: October 27, 1944

TO : Mr. Coffey  
 FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: Anonymous Letter Postmarked October 20, 1944,  
 Bloomington, Indiana, Enclosing Westbrook Pegler  
 Column Datelined New York, October 18, 1944.

The attached anonymous letter and newspaper clipping appear to be the work of a mental case; however, it is thought it might be well to check the handwriting against the anonymous letter file in an effort to make an identification. Consideration might also be given to developing latent fingerprints. This might be a dubious procedure in view of the fact the letter no doubt has been handled by clerks, etc.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the handwriting on the letter be checked against the anonymous letter file and that a record be made of it with the thought that a possible identification might be made in the future if not at the present time.

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 Mr. Nease  
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 Miss Gandy

  
November 3rd, 1944. b-6

Hon J Edgar Hoover,  
Chief, F B I  
Washington, D.C.

Dear sir:


Inclosed find newspaper clipping from the falsified hand of Westbrook Pegler.

It is very strange that such "scape goats" as he is, can get by with this kind of rot.

If he resided in Kentucky, and used such language publically about any decent women, he would meet the usual fate that such "birds" do.

The grand jury would file the indictment away. This type of an article which he believes is producing results for Dewey, will in fact result favorable for the President.

But, I regret to see him continue in his daily harangue by using such indecent language against the women of the country without any cause what-so-ever.

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P.S.

If Pegler resided in Europe he would be placed before a firing squad at sunrise.

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# Wields Sharp Verbal Sword On Communists, New Dealers

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

The party is beginning to get rough up in Fairfield county, Conn., where Clare Booth Luce, a Republican, of course, and a warty, shapeless old hag with pool-table legs and a face that would clabber milk a mile away, is running for re-election to Congress. I toss in this little dash of descriptive matter about Mrs. Luce because her campaign manager says it is unfair to her to keep on writing how good-looking she is as this tends to suggest that she is using sex-appeal on the stags and might alienate the women's vote. These dispatches aim to be fair.

The Communists of the Political Action Committee have ganged upon the frowsy old ostrich in greater force and vehemence than they have exacted against any other nominee in the country except Tom Dewey, himself, and now it has been announced that Mr. Big, in person, will make a tail-board appearance and toss off a few remarks in his Groton-Harvard Cockney dialect as he passes through Bridgeport Saturday on his way to Boston.

Henry Wallace, the Johnny Appleseed of the campaign, who has been thumbing his way around the east like a mildewed bum and making a speech wherever he finds as many as two prospects, or even one, gathered in a rapt and eager throng, is scheduled to speak in 11 towns.

This personal attention for the President and the forgotten man might be attributed to a spirit of personal revenge against the poor, unsightly wench because she sometimes gives an imitation of Eleanor Roosevelt telling a humorous and comical anecdote about the time Franklin said he would like to have his shoes soled and the second butler hocked them to the cash-clo' man, thinking Franklin had meant that he wanted them sold.

Just to give an idea of the recidity of the Communist campaign, Clifton Fadiman, sometimes known as Killer Fadiman, the bull butterfly of the literary teas, made an oration the other night in which he dropped an ominous hint that if the Republicans should win the election we would have a civil war. He did not say what part he would take in that civil war, but it appears that is the one that he has been saving himself for since the age of 32, when he was a savage but vicarious anti-Fascist in the Spanish thing, and down to now in the present scuffle with Adolf Hitler, whom he fearlessly denounces, however.

The killer also accused Mrs. Luce of bad manners, being quite an authority on swinishness by reason of long association, to say nothing of a natural gift, and said "she is fresh from the foxholes of Park avenue," a remark which elicited from her the inquiry: "And where is your foxhole?" Which was irrelevant, of course.

When she isn't prowling around the streets scaring babies and bull dogs with that mugg of hers, Mrs. Luce takes trips to the war, in person, and she has invited the killer to come on up sometime and swap reminiscences about foxholes under battle conditions. She was in Belgium and France during the blitz and made two trips to the Orient, where she scared several

## Pegler Says

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hair and kick and scream in a refined way a few years back, but Luce finally brushed her off, probably figuring that she was just wasting her time, and Thompson is now in there again trying to renew it, which might help the syndicate sales, although hardly much.

Then Luce heard Quentin Reynolds in one of the attacks from the outside and suggested that the place for a war correspondent was with the invasion Army and certainly not Connecticut, of which he is not a resident.

"I do not envy this man who has chosen this battle," she said, "instead of reporting the battles in which our men are fighting and dying."

Well, this will give you an idea of the importance of this particular congressional district to the New Deal and their Communists. The thing is personal with the Roosevelts and deadly with the Communists because the dame insists that we ought to deal with Stalin as equals and establish a peace of free, independent European nations, not satellites of Moscow. On labor and war measures her record is just about perfect even from

their own standpoint, but for these two reasons they are out to mow her down.

Most of the conversational commandos are written-out hacks and hams who would take their pants off in Times Square for a line in the papers, so their influence on the farmers and factory workers of Connecticut may be smaller than they hope.

The back-road Connecticut people have watched a lot of them from a distance for years and refer to the males as Jeeters after the degenerate hill-billy in "Tobacco Road" because mostly they go to Connecticut in summer and then just to play house and another game called nudey in which they all get undressed, men and women together, and walk around that way to show that they are intellectual and untrammelled.

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November 10, 1944

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 3, 1944, together with the enclosed newspaper clipping has been received and I want to thank you for writing as you did. For your information, I have made your comments a part of our official files.

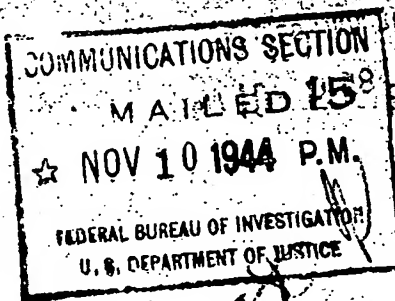
Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Anonymous Letter addressed to the Director, postmarked Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 1, 1944 enclosing Westbrook Pegler columns datelined New York October 15, 1944 and October 17, 1944.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Chief - F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

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JOG:JW

TO: THE DIRECTOR  
FROM: MR. NICHOLS

Oct. 19, 1944

SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER'S ARTICLE, OCTOBER 18, 1944, Pittsburgh Newspapers

Special Agent in Charge H. T. O'Connor telephonically contacted this office today relative to the above Pegler article which, as you know, made derogatory statements concerning the Bureau's lack of action in the case concerning the alleged brawl between two Naval officers and guests at the Teamsters' Banquet in the Statler Hotel a few weeks ago.

O'Connor was incensed at the complete display of ignorance on the part of Pegler and advised he would have called yesterday but was away from Pittsburgh on official business and was not aware of the article until this morning. He stated that he personally felt it was not so much ignorance on the part of Pegler but downright perversion of the truth. He pointed out that Pegler's column was widely read and although he probably would not poison the minds of his intelligent readers, his writings might deceive some of the people.

O'Connor wanted to know if there was any action he might take in behalf of the Director through his newspaper contacts in Pittsburgh territory. He advised that he would not, of course, make any comments on the article in the absence of authorization from the Bureau but that he did feel that consideration might be given to making known the fact that the Bureau did not have jurisdiction in this instance in the event of inquiries along that line. O'Connor characterized this particular article of Pegler's as lacking entirely in common sense and pointed out that Pegler apparently went hog-wild in one paragraph when he condemned all investigative agencies of the Federal Government including the Navy and Military in one fell swoop.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a letter over the Director's signature be forwarded to O'Connor thanking him for his interest in the matter.

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TO : Mr. Coffey *AK*

FROM : Mr. Martin

DATE: November 18, 1944

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Reference is made to the evidence listed below which was submitted to the Laboratory with a memorandum dated October 27, 1944 from Mr. Nichols.

- Q1 White envelope addressed to "Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Washington, D. C., F. I. B." postmarked at Bloomington, Indiana on October 20, 1944.
- Q2 Accompanying one page handwritten letter beginning "Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Enclosed find a ..... " signed "A disgraced citizen".
- Q3 Accompanying newspaper clipping entitled "Pegler: What a Case!".

The handwriting on the above-listed specimens was compared with the material contained in the Anonymous Letter File, but no identification was effected. A photographic copy of this material is being added to this file for future reference and comparison.

Specimens Q1 through Q3 were chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints, and a separate report on this phase of the examination will be submitted. Detailed physical characteristics of these specimens have been made a matter of record in the Laboratory.

The original evidence is being retained in the files of the Laboratory. Photographic copies of this evidence are attached hereto.

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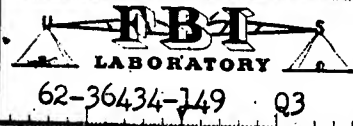
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## PEGLER: What a Case!

BY WESTBROOK PEGLER.

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## FATHER'S PLEDGE MADE TO SONS

Dead in the War  
They Recall His  
Promise.

HOUSTON, Texas, Oct. 18.—Here is something that should set beating rapidly the heart of every American father and mother whose boys are in these horrible wars or are likely to be. It was written by Ray L. Dudley, publisher of the Oil Weekly, who has lost two sons in service. It is very touching and especially important to fathers and mothers and to all Americans at this time. Mr. Dudley wrote:

"I stood in the blazing sun at Ellington field in Texas last Monday and watched the cadets file by, fine manly chaps, watched them come into the hall in which they were to receive their wings as commissioned officers in the United States army air force. My third and last boy, a lad of 19, was among them.

"Two years ago his mother and

IN HENHOUSE.



Carol (left) and Gary Titcomb, aged two and three, of Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y., rest happily in a hospital crib after being found in a henhouse. It was believed the children had wandered into the house to escape the 35-degree weather.



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More than that the navy even tried, for political motives, to prevent news of the gang attack from reaching naval ships and stations in the war zones. By now, thousands of relatives and friends of individual bluejackets and officers will have mailed them clippings telling of the brawl.

IN THIS connection you might be interested to learn that Tobin himself, is so fearful of violence to his own royal person that he and the rest of the ruling caste of the teamsters' union are protected by a special constitutional provision. An assault on a "general officer," meaning Tobin or any member of his cabinet, by a rank and file member, comes in a special criminal category under union law. Any member so charged must stand trial before the ruling clique itself, in which case the complaining witness sits as judge and prosecutor, and may suffer any "discipline" which the board, of which Tobin is chairman, decrees.

boy was among them. Today he and his elder brother, who had chosen navy air, are memories, precious memories it is true, but boys to be spoken of in hushed tones as boys who would have made good citizens, two boys whose memories will never be dimmed in the eyes of their father and mother. They with thousands of others have made the supreme sacrifice for America as they knew it and loved it. \* \* \*

#### War a Deadly Thing.

"I can only claim to be among those to whom this war is a deadly serious thing; and I wish my claim to be listed among those who resent with every atom of their being the efforts which are being made by the Hillmans, the Browders, the Murrays and others, including our president, to nullify the sacrifices of thousands of American boys.

"As I heard the oath to defend the Constitution repeated by the young men at Ellington I could not but remember the remarks which have been made about it by Americans of foreign birth who would seek to destroy it, 'a scrap of paper, an outmoded document, a bill of property rights rather than a bill of human rights.' And these are the men who are asking that we trust our country to them.

"The situation under which the communist front in America is trying to wield control over our country through the capture of one of our great political parties is so preposterous as to be almost incredible. But make no mistake. The threat is a real one. That a Russian-born radical, with all of the class hate of his native land, should aspire to control this country is so fantastic that many cannot believe it. But it is

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## NEW DEAL JOB

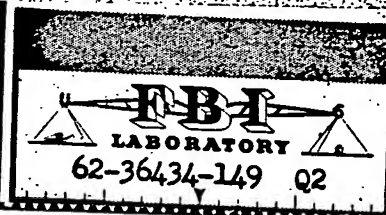
### Boston Lawyer Loses Faith in Party in Power.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Julian W. Rainey, of Boston, Mass., former director of the colored division of the democratic national committee, has declared his support for Dewey and Bricker with the assertion that "a vote for Roosevelt is a vote against the progressive welfare of the Negro."

Mr. Rainey, prominent in Boston legal circles, resigned only last Friday as attorney for the new deal office of price administration in the New England area. He presented his resignation, he said, because "I could not remain silent during this campaign while laboring under the responsibility to protest against a most subtle and vicious plan to perpetuate in America a second-class citizenship for my people."

#### Brownell Praises Rainey.

Mr. Rainey was formerly assistant corporation counsel for Boston. He has served as special attorney for Massachusetts in the department of justice. He headed the colored division of the democratic national committee in the last four presidential campaigns. Accepting Mr. Rainey's support of Dewey and Bricker Herbert Brownell, jr., republican national chairman, paid tribute to the high regard of Negroes for Mr. Rainey.



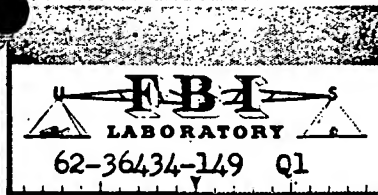
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosed find a damn  
good biography of yourself.

You are one hell of a  
F.B.I. official. If I were  
you, to keep from disgracing  
myself completely, I would either  
resign or shoot myself.

Christ help us! F.B.I. Hoover  
playing politics.

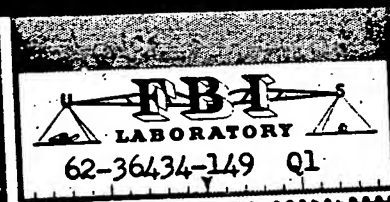
A disgraced citizen



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington  
D.C.

F.I.B.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

November 18, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TRACY

Attention: Mr. L. B. Nichols

Re: ANONYMOUS LETTER POSTMARKED OCTOBER 20, 1944  
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, ENCLOSING WESTBROOK  
PEGLER COLUMN DATED NEW YORK  
OCTOBER 18, 1944

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols *JEN*  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Reference is made to a memorandum from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Coffey, dated October 27, 1944, submitting an anonymous letter, the envelope in which it was mailed and the newspaper clipping to the laboratory for examination in connection with the above-entitled case.

The letter, envelope and newspaper clipping were examined for latent impressions in the Single Fingerprint Section but none of value was developed.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Recorded 11-10-44 11:00 AM sl

Re: Anonymous Letter Postmarked October 20, 1944, File # 62-36434-149  
Bloomington, Indiana, Enclosing Westbrook Pegler Lab. # D-24961 ET  
Column Datelined New York, October 18, 1944 62-36434-149

Examination requested by: Bureau (L. B. Nichols)

Date of reference communication: Memo 10-27-44 Date received: 10-28-44  
mr

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Webb  
LATENT

Appler

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 White env. add. to "Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Washington, D. C., P. I. B." pm. at Bloomington, Indiana on October 20, 1944.
- Q2 Asp. one page handwritten letter bgn. "Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Enclosed find a ..." signed "A disgraced citizen".
- Q3 Asp. newspaper clipping entitled "Pegler: What a Case!".

*4 spec + photos of latents received  
examined - latents do not contain sufficient characteristic  
detail to be of value  
photos destroyed  
4 spec returned to Webb*

*memo for Tracy  
dic 11/17/44  
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION**  
**COVER SHEET**

**SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER**

**FILE: 62-96434 SECTION 5**

RECEIVED COMMUNICATION  
MAIL ENVELOPE ATTACHED

F.B.I.  
Wash. D.C.  
Why cannot the  
Lying Westbrook  
Pegler be stopped  
from slandering  
our President?  
see N.Y. Journal American  
a Patriot,



POST CARD

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS



Director of F.B.I.  
Wash. D.C.



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DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

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November 24, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TRACY

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Anonymous Letter Addressed  
to the Director, Postmarked Milwaukee  
Wisconsin, November 1, 1944, Enclosing  
Westbrook Pegler Columns Dated Washington,  
October 15, 1944, and New York, October 17, 1944

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Acers \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Starke \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Reference is made to an anonymous letter addressed to the Director,  
the two newspaper clippings and the envelope in which they were mailed, which  
were submitted to the Laboratory for examination by a routing slip dated  
November 6, 1944, from Mr. E. A. Tamm's office.

You are advised that the envelope, newspaper clippings and the letter  
were examined for latent impressions in the Single Fingerprint Section and three  
fragmentary latent fingerprints of value for comparison purposes only were  
developed on the outside of the envelope. These impressions were compared with  
the fingerprints of [REDACTED] of the Records Section, whose name  
appears on the envelope, but no identification was effected.

Respectfully,

Quinn Tamm

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Anonymous Letter addressed to  
the Director, postmarked Milwaukee, Wisc. Nov. 1,  
1944 enclosing Westbrook Pegler columns datelined  
New York October 15, 1944 and October 17, 1944.  
Washington, New York,

File # 62-36434-151  
Lab. # D25356 BT  
62-36434-151

Examination requested by: Bureau (Mr. E.A. Tamm's office)

Date of reference communication: R/S 11-6-44

Date received: 11-6-44  
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Examination requested: Doc. Fgpt.

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Webb

LATENT

Appler

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q4 Env with two adr to "Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief - F. B. I., Washington, D. C."  
and "Milwaukee Nov 1 7 PM 1944 Wis."  
Q5 Acp two note, undated bgn "J. Edgar Hoover: So now the F. B. I. and J....."  
with two acp newspaper clippings datelined Oct. 15, 44 and Oct. 17, 44.

Q4 and photos of latents received 11-23 A

examined:

3 fragmentary latent fgpts of value for comparison  
purposes only - 2 on back of envelope and 1 on front

b4 compared with fgpts of [REDACTED] Records Section;  
[REDACTED] Doc. Laboratory - no ident effected 11-24 A

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from [REDACTED]

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: November 23, 1944

TO : Mr. Coffey

FROM : Mr. Martin

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 Anonymous letter addressed to the Director, postmarked  
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 1, 1944, enclosing  
 Westbrook Pegler columns datelined Washington, October 15, 1944  
 and New York, October 17, 1944.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Reference is made to the evidence listed below which was submitted to the Laboratory by Mr. E. A. Tamm's office.

- Q4 Envelope with typewritten address to "Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief - F. B. I., Washington, D. C." postmarked "Milwaukee, Nov 1 7 PM 1944 Wis."  
 Q5 Accompanying typewritten note, undated, beginning "J. Edgar Hoover: So now the F. B. I. and J. ...." with two accompanying newspaper clippings datelined Oct. 15, 44 and Oct. 17, 44.

It was concluded that the typewriting on specimens Q4 and Q5 was prepared on a typewriter equipped with Woodstock pica type, spaced ten letters to the inch. This typewriting was compared with the material contained in the [REDACTED] and the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. A representative photographic copy of this material is being added to the Anonymous Letter File for future reference.

The above specimens were chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints and a separate report will be submitted on this phase of the examination.

Detailed physical measurements have been taken and recorded in the files of the Laboratory.

The original evidence is being retained in the files of the Laboratory. Photographic copies of this evidence are attached hereto.

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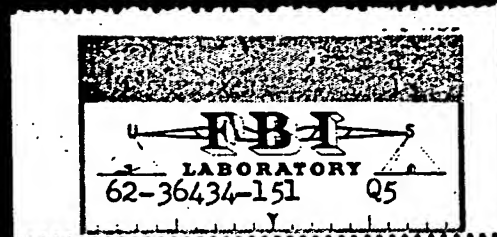
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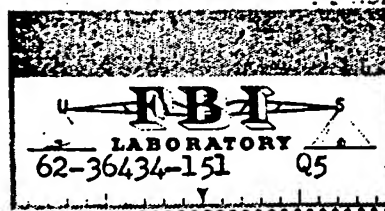
J. Edgar Hoover:

So now the F. B. I. and J. Edgar Hoover are being pushed around by the New Deal and Dan Tobin's Hoodlums!

If you think the American Public is going to approve of you as Chief of the F. B. I. when you can't even apprehend a few drunken soaks, who saw fit to pick on a couple of under-sized Navy Officers, you're crazy!

That's one thing the American Public is going to demand this time - and that's a fair deal for the brave boys who have had to give their lives for the service and their country - and you'd better see that they get that square deal hereafter!

The American Public is waking up to the fact that it really is "time for a change" for the whole bunch of you! Put that in your pipe and smoke it!



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**N**EW YORK, Oct. 17 — On the evening of Sept. 23, following President Roosevelt's oration to Dan Tobin's goons in the Hotel Statler in Washington, two young naval officers, with good war records, were ganged and beaten by an overwhelming number of persons unknown whose conduct strictly indicated that they had been members of Mr. Roosevelt's audience.

The officers were quickly identified and exonerated of misconduct. Had they been drunk or had they provoked the fight, they undoubtedly would have been tried by courtmartial. The fact that no charges were made against them by either the navy or the civil authorities of Washington vindicates them completely and indicts the hoodlums who attacked them. The victims said the gang went to work on them when they refused to promise to vote for Roosevelt in the election.

WASHINGTON is the headquarters of the vaunted federal bureau of investigation whose chief, J. Edgar Hoover, has received more publicity than Hawkshaw the detective, old and young Kings Brady, Nick Carter and Sherlock Holmes, combined, much of it promoted by himself for his

own gratification and renown through a journalistic clique. Washington is the headquarters also of the department of justice which has general supervision over the local grand jury. Washington is the headquarters of the secret service and the other investigating forces of the treasury, of the army and navy intelligence services and of Harold Ickes' gestapo. In addition, Washington has three police forces.

Yet, all these fabulous agencies, with thousands of detectives at their command, and with powers of subpoena, in more than three weeks have been unable to make a single arrest or even to identify a single one of the goons.

Old Dan Tobin, whom the President greeted affably as "Dan" in beginning his address, has not been dragged before the grand jury in the absence of a voluntary appearance and made to tell under oath just how much he knows about the gang attacks on the naval officers.

This would have been normal procedure in any law abiding community where political influence did not interfere with the administration of justice.

THIS CASE presented the simplest kind of police problem. A bunch of hoodlums got drunk and,

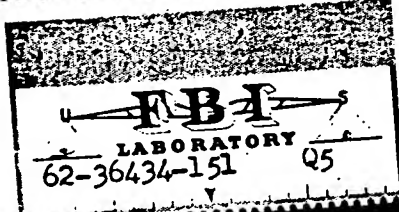
when the President had finished his speech, went out looking for trouble. Feeling that the President had indorsed the brutality for which they are notorious and which the supreme court solemnly approved in the disgraceful Byrnes opinion, they permitted themselves to be deceived by the young and slight appearance of the two officers.

All goons are yellow as they have repeatedly demonstrated in waylaying unsuspecting and defenseless wagon drivers in Chicago and beating their brains out with the baseball bats and in mobbing individual workers trying to go to their jobs in Seattle. These particular gorillas obviously did not realize that some men have courage even against gangs and, from all published accounts, it appears that the naval officers kicked their ears off in a rousing rough and tumble.

Undoubtedly Tobin's influence quickly reached the White house and undoubtedly there is White house connivance in the mishandling of the police work by which the FBI is placed in the absurd position of being unable to pick up half a dozen disorderly drunks whose names undoubtedly are known to Mr. Hoover and to Steve Early, the President's secretary.

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**WASHINGTON, Oct. 15—Good morning, children.** Have you had your irony today? You haven't? Well, open your horrid little kissers and old Dr. Dixon will shoot you a trapful.

This is probably the darndest dose of irony you've ever taken. Hold onto your chairs, kiddies—here it comes!

Only a sheer act of Providence saved those hoodlums of the AFL teamsters union from being strewn all over the Statler in varying states of dismantlement.

**DO YOU KNOW** who those two naval officers were waiting for when they were attacked and beat up?

Com. Gene Tunney! The former heavyweight champion of the world, who knocked off the great Jack Dempsey, was on his way to the hotel while the attack was in progress. He was 15 minutes late for his appointment!

**THIS FASCINATING ANGLE** to the "Battle of the Statler" probably would never have been revealed but for a fortuitous circumstance. Neither Lt. Randolph Dickins Jr. nor Lt. Com. James H. Suddeth, the attack victims, mentioned it in their accounts of the outrage. And Gene Tunney chose to keep it pretty much to himself.

It came to light this way: Com. Tunney was in New York

and dropped in on Rear Adm. William Robert Munroe, commandant of the 3rd naval district. The conversation got around to the Statler business.

"You know, Gene," observed Adm. Munroe, "it's too bad you weren't there."

"Yes, it was," agreed Com. Tunney, momentarily taken off guard. "But I'd have been there in time except that I was delayed at the office!"

Adm. Munroe's mouth opened. "What's that?" he demanded.

"I hadn't intended to say anything about this," said Gene, "but I only missed being in that battle by 15 minutes. I had an engagement in the hotel with Dickins and Suddeth. They were waiting for me when they were attacked!"

**LEAVE US NOW**, as the late Joe Jacobs used to say, do a bit of speculating as to what might have happened if Gene hadn't pulled a Jimmy Walker and been tardy.

The champ, who doesn't look anything but a rather large naval officer in his uniform, is chatting with Dickins and Suddeth when Dan Tobin's half plastered hoodlums wallow out of the meeting where they have just been inspired by F. D. R.

The Tobin toughs swagger up to Tunney and demand to know if he intends to vote for his commander-in-chief.

Now Com. Tunney, as befits a man wearing the uniform of

Uncle Sam, avoids political arguments. But it is little secret that he is no admirer of the New Deal. Also, he is a great friend of Gov. Dewey.

But Gene, always the gentleman, outside the ring, tries to turn the blusterers away with a soft answer. Like all bullies they take this as a sign of fear. So they close in on him.

One takes a roundhouse sock. Strangely, it fails to land. The next instant the bum is lying 10 feet away, staring with sightless eyes at the ceiling.

A second hooligan tries to sneak a punch—and something explodes under his chin; when he wakes up he will swear he was hit in the neck with a wagon tongue.

By this time, a third, or fourth rat will have landed a low blow. He will find himself turned around and measured. For weeks thereafter he will go around thinking he has four jaws.

There is also bound to be one who will discover for the first time where the solar plexus really is located. He will spend the rest of his life wishing he didn't own one.

And there will probably be still another who can leave the Statler and try to sell his ears for cauliflowerers!

Please, Gene, why don't you try to be on time for your appointments?

FEDERAL BUREAU OF  
LABOR

TO: Date 4-26-  
Single Fingerpr.

Case Number 62-36434-1

No latent fingerprints developed  
Iodine prints developed  
Silver nitrate prints on  
Identiscope negatives attached hereto

*I touched the envelope*  
*Room 1216*  
*12/6/63*  
*By [Signature]*  
F. P. Coffey  
Assistant Director

Per: *[Signature]*  
Room: *1216*

*724*

*16*

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February 8, 1945

Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

The enclosed article by Westbrook Pegler,<sup>①</sup> it seems to me, indicates that he is as dangerous a saboteur as those who set fire to buildings. Anyone who works so hard to undermine the confidence of the American people in their government should be treated as a dangerous person and not allowed to publish his silly views all over the nation.

Is there anything that can be done to save us from having to see Westbrook Pegler's column in our papers?

Yours very truly,

[REDACTED]

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*attached 2/10/45*  
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...ess, skidded sideways in the icy, rutted street, and the car of Hobart Jackson, 25, of 534 Lincoln street, Steelton, unable to stop, smashed into its side.

### FIFTH INFANTRY TO GET FURLOUGH FIRST

With the Third Army, Feb. 4 (AP).—The Fifth Infantry, the first American division overseas, has been granted top priority in the Third Army for 30-day furloughs in the United States.

The first party is to leave February 7, the second February 13.

When furloughs were introduced the newcomer divisions were given the same quotas as veteran outfits, but the situation has been corrected.

The Fifth landed in Iceland September 5, 1941, moved to England in August, 1943, for two months, then spent eight months in Ireland and landed in Normandy in July, 1944.

### NAMED NOTARY PUBLIC

Dellville, Feb. 4.—Miss Isabel Sterner of Wheatfield Township was appointed a notary public. She is a secretary at the J. Larue Hess Insurance agency in Duncannon.

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burg and Alinda. He is a graduate of High School and Teachers' College, Spring Township, before entering the army in August, 1942. He was sent to Alinda Station.

### INSURANCE

#### ELECTION

Loysville, Feb. 4.—The Loysville Electric and Mechanical Insurance Company elected the following officers at a meeting in Ellettsburg: D. K. Lightner, president; M. R. E. and treasurer.

Directors named are: Geo. Spring Township and Centre.

### CARLISLE

#### DAMAGE

Carlisle fire company to the Hanover over and Wain last evening to the basement joists of a section. Damage was done. The fire company.

## TEARS OF JOY GREET LIBERATORS IN MANILA

By Associated Press to The Patriot

With the 87th Division in Manila, Feb. 4. — Manila's welcome took many and bewildering forms.

What we saw and experienced has been given to few men in history.

A grim and beautiful city struggling through a rebirth to liberty poured out to us—grimy, sweaty, dirty, weary and utterly unheroic in appearance—such a measure of thanks and acclaim as can only come after long and miserable bondage.

"Americans Are Back!"

Old women wept and old men wept. A gaunt, toothless woman in a ragged gown grabbed the hand of an abashed regimental colonel and said it.

"Victory!" said the flustered colonel.

"The Americans are back!" she quavered. "God bless you, sir, God bless you, sir. God bless the Americans! God bless all the Americans!"

A brigadier general in our group turned and said:

"There is an answer to Japan's dream of empire! After three years of the Orient for the Orientals these Orientals kiss our hands and say 'God bless the Americans!'"

We walked gingerly around a ruined section of the street. At the end of this bottleneck—it was one of Manila's many city centers—the battalion column was taking a break, and Filipino women and girls were rushing among them with coffee.

A Filipino urchin darted from the crowd and handed me an egg. "My geeft, sair. Welcome to the Americans!"

We paused to a barber shop.

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and distributed

troops. "No more

Japs," he yelled.

"You glad to

He waved his

late joy. "Halle

"Hallelujah, ha

Americans," he

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## FOUR INJURED IN COLLISION

Icy, Rutted Street Blamed for Accident at 13th and Cameron

Four persons were injured, one painfully yesterday afternoon, when two passenger cars collided on Cameron street near Thirteenth. One of the cars was damaged beyond repair.

The injured are: Hobart Jackson, driver of one car, lacerations of the lips and bruises of the knees; Lt. Robert L. Hines, 26, stationed at Indiantown Gap, numerous lacerations of the scalp; Herman Keys, 26, of 346 Lincoln street, Steelton, lacerations of the lips, all of whom were occupants of the car driven by Jackson; and Mrs. Gladys Hughes, wife of the driver of the other car, possible fractures of the pelvis.

Sidney Hughes, and his father, the other occupant of the car, escaped injury.

The three injured men were taken to the Harrisburg Hospital for treatment by a city policeman. Mrs. Hughes was taken to the Polyclinic Hospital by a passing motorist. She was reported in a fair condition last night.

According to police, the accident occurred when a car driven by Sidney Hughes, 32, of 114 Short street, Progress, skidded sideways in the icy, rutted street, and the car of Hobart Jackson, 25, of 534 Lincoln street, Steelton, unable to stop, smashed into its side.

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Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge your letter of February 8, 1945, with enclosure.

You may be assured that I have carefully noted the content of your letter. While I appreciate your interest in writing, I must advise you that, inasmuch as the Federal Bureau of Investigation is primarily an investigative organization, it would be impossible for me to make any comment in reply to the question contained in the last paragraph of your letter.

If in the future you should obtain any information which you feel to be of value to this Bureau, I want you to feel free to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Philadelphia Field Division located at 500 Widener Building, Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania.

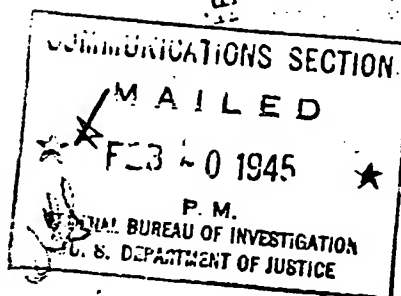
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief  
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Sir:

Looks to us like America has put up with all she can stand  
from Westbrook Pegler.

He now accuses President Roosevelt of encouraging thieves  
and things.

This publication is the rankest "Treason" - and places Pegler  
outside the pale of the law. Can't you suppress this maniac? The  
public looks to you for its protection.

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Mr. Tom C. Clark  
Assistant Attorney General

February 14, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

WESTROCK PEGLER

There are attached hereto copies of a self-explanatory letter from [REDACTED] under date of February 7, 1945, and the original enclosure, an article by Westrock Pegler which article is undated.

The correspondent has been advised of this reference and no action will be taken by this Bureau unless you so request.

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Dear [REDACTED]

I desire to acknowledge your letter of February 7, 1945, with enclosure.

Let me assure you that the content of your letter and its enclosure have been carefully reviewed. I thought you might like to know that I have forwarded your enclosure and a copy of your communication to Mr. Tom C. Clark, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, for his consideration.

Your interest in writing me is most appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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that President Roosevelt  
is the best President  
we ever had

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as news paper and  
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about Mrs Roosevelt  
and her friends

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God and  
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# PEGLER

FDR's Gulp

An Insult

to His Office

By Westbrook Pegler

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—I read most of the rejoinders by my colleagues to President Roosevelt's undignified remark about newspaper columnists and I find that my own reaction is not personal resentment but regret that a man so important in the world should find time in his day and a place in his thoughts for such flippancy.



The original observation that the columnist was an excrescence on our journalism was illmannered and certainly thoughtless in its indictment of a whole branch of the craft without distinction between one man or woman and another and the President's hasty and fumbling explanation that his own wife was a diarist, not a columnist, showed that he had spoken off the end of his tongue.

Diarist Mrs. Roosevelt may be, as he said by way of excluding her from the category of warts, but she is certainly a political propagandist as reference to her column will show and she

has referred to her work as a "column" rather than a diary.

Moreover, if any individual in the trade may truly be called an excrescence Mrs. Roosevelt qualifies because it is well known that she is not a newspaper woman by training and was engaged only because she was the President's wife.

Prior to his first election to the presidency, she was not in demand as a commentator and examination of her work over these years as a syndicate feature shows that she is an inferior writer, a sketchy reporter and an erratic thinker.

HOWEVER, the whole incident is one that should not have been provoked by a man in Mr. Roosevelt's position for it suggests that one of the three political giants of our terrible time is still unable to rise above petty, personal meanness.

To inflict a cut on a few insignificant individuals whom he dislikes or hates but who should be beneath the public notice of a respectable President of the United States, he did not hesitate to insult many others who have argued with fairness and restraint throughout the many legitimate differences of belief provoked by measures and men of his long regime.

Some of these are found among his own following, others among the opposition.

By lumping them all together he showed again that he can not tolerate disagreement and holds in contempt those who are sincerely deceived by his conduct.

I MAY be a victim of my own prejudice or convictions, but it has seemed to me that the New Deal columnists have been, as a group, more frankly propagandists than us of that persuasion which might be called the middle or the right.

They range in quality from hysterical exhorters, some with no legitimate experience or standing in the newspaper

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Third, they include also howling partisans of left wing fac-  
tions in Europe so thoroughly saturated with Old-World  
hatreds that they are actually more European than Ameri-  
can.

Incidentally, the Roosevelt partisans include specifically  
his old personal friend and loyal follower, Lowell Mellett,  
whose debut as an excrescence evoked from the President  
a nice publicity plug and a sneering remark that it was  
uncommonly decent of publishers allied to the opposition to  
print views in disagreement with their own.

It was, as Mr. Roosevelt well knew when he said this,  
nothing of the kind for opposition papers have constantly  
carried pro-Roosevelt copy by way of balancing the argu-  
ment and informing the public.

His own wife's list of clients includes opposition papers  
and his friends, Harold Ickes and Harry Hopkins, have  
turned many an easy dollar with magazine articles com-  
posed of material gleaned in their official positions, and  
bought and paid for by capitalists.

**I**F THE term "excrescence" applies anywhere it must  
apply to these two personal confidants and political  
henchmen, for they are not members of our craft and their  
magazine work has represented the exploitation of public  
office for incidental private profit.

This controversy belittles the President and his office,  
however, rather than the columnists and that is a result  
in which every American, even an excrescence, has a patri-  
otic and civic interest.

That office belongs to all of us and if it suffers loss of  
prestige in the world through querulous bickering in which  
the occupant gets the worst of it as he did in this case, all  
of us lose.

That was the thought behind the long criticism of the  
Roosevelt family as a group for sweating personal profits  
out of the presidency.

The actual money derived by various relatives was  
unimportant but the indignity represented a real hurt and  
loss.

**H**ERE now this man, for better or worse, is charged with  
the fateful job of winning this war for the United  
States with the least possible sacrifice of life, the job of  
making a decent peace in negotiations with two other strong  
national leaders who know what they want and the duty of  
preserving as much of American liberty at home as may  
be saved in an otherwise socialistic and dictatorial world.

It is a mountainous responsibility in which the wisest  
of men should try to cultivate sympathy and support among  
the people of his own country.

Yet, though Roosevelt has made some obscure "ges-  
tures" toward the right since election day, he has spurned  
a great opportunity to win the trust of millions of Ameri-  
cans who were violently abused with epithets and suspicions  
by him and his officious underlings, even to the point of  
being called Fascists, and thus, traitors, by Henry Wallace.

And yet, in the presence of this awesome situation  
when a little show of personal humility and the terrible  
loneliness of an overburdened human being might win him  
respect and personal loyalty to the holder of his

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March 5, 1945

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**DEAR**

I desire to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of February 19, 1945, with enclosure.

I have carefully noted the contents of your communication and the material you enclosed and you may be assured that it will be made a part of the official files of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

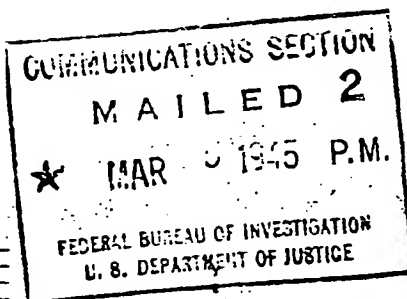
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# FAIR ENOUGH

By WESTBROOK FOGLER

IN WRITING some time ago of the use of radio by a Russian-born war contractor to harangue the Americans with propaganda consistent with the Communist line, I made the mistake of declaring that our standard American press would not sell advertising space for editorial matter. It was a careless observation and incorrect because, periodically, since 1939, the International Latex Company of Playtex Park, Dover, Del., has been running political arguments as paid advertisements. These have been New Deal preachments, and anti-Nazi but, as far as my reading of them reveals, never anti-Communist, nor hostile to totalitarianism, as such.



Westbrook Fogler

The company which took to the air with the party line propaganda over a local station of the Blue Network in New York was Electronic Corporation of America.

As related before in these dispatches, its news "interpreter" is a renegade rabbi, born Margolis, who changed his name to Gailmor to conceal his identity as a convicted thief, and deceived the Blue Network regarding his true personality and police record in the interview which preceded his engagement.

After the expose, he was invited to the White House along with many others of like mind and purposes for the inauguration festivities.

THE PRESIDENT of Electronic is a native Russian, naturalized American, named Samuel Novick, who manufactures secret electrical equipment for the Army and also has interests in a company of similar activities in Mexico, the center of the Communist conspiracy in Latin America. Novick hired for his press agent in New York a prominent and aggressive Communist who, like Gailmor, also uses an alias.

Novick, moreover, is associated with a group of conspicuous Communists and fellow-travelers in a new corporation which is preparing a strong campaign by radio voice and television to begin immediately after the war.

In Gailmor's propaganda conscious example of pro-Communist bias were denunciations of Great Britain for resisting the Communist coup in Greece after the liberation and laudations of the Quisling Polish government set up by Soviet Russia in Poland under the title of the Lublin committee.

This matter was presented in the guise of news interpretation and, under ordinary practice, the cost of the program, more than \$50,000 a year, would be deductible from the profits of Electronic as legitimate advertising expense, in the preparation of its tax returns.

Thus, in final effect, the American people, the actual taxpayers, would bear the cost of their own indoctrination, subtly administered as explanation of news developments. Even though it were not deducted but paid out of the company's own profits, they would still pay for it because, after all, it is the taxpayers who pay the profits, too.

A Communist organization having the form of an American business corporation might de-

sire profits only to be able to use them to promote the cause of Communism.

THERE are points of similarity between Novick of Electronic and the president of International Latex, whose name is Abraham N. Spanel. Like Novick, Spanel was born in Russia and, like Novick, he is diligently engaged in war production and would appear to have prospered enormously. His advertisements run two or three columns wide, the length of the page, in a national list of newspapers, a campaign suggesting a huge appropriation for political propaganda, and he is a rapturous advocate of Henry Wallace as an American political prophet.

To this end he has published at advertising rates on a national scale several eulogies of Wallace, ostensibly as "a public service," including one by the ineffable Senator Joe Guffey, of Pennsylvania, the artful tax dodger, who for many years owed the Treasury an item of \$4,000 and, finally, after much publicity, persuaded himself to pay it, but without the usual impost of accrued interest.

"No wonder the forward-looking people of the United States and the common people of the world believe in Mr. Wallace," said Senator Guffey in one of Mr. Spanel's ads, neglecting, however, to mention Wallace's disparagement of the American constitutional Bill of Rights or his plan to build a highway, whether of eight lanes or one, and whether of concrete or platinum, from New York to Paris by way of Alaska and Siberia.

ANOTHER of Mr. Spanel's rhapsodies was a reprint of a column by a member of the Roosevelt newspaper following in Washington, which described Wallace as a champion and symbol of the "aspirations of the common man and the under dog."

This was a poetic construction well expressing the attitude of some demagogues of the extreme left who regard the American citizen as a soulless lump to be fed, quartered, ordered and disciplined even as a dog.

A native of Russia and an admirer of the Soviet system might be pardoned in the error.

Collier's recently published a laudatory personal history of Mr. Spanel, praising him for his invention and manufacture of pneumatic boats for jungle warfare and a pneumatic stretcher for the recovery of casualties and for his foresight in laying up, before Pearl Harbor, a reserve supply of liquid latex, or pure rubber. He formerly had manufactured girdles for men and baby pants. Collier's tells us that Gailmor, Spanel studied for the clergy.

He is said to have returned voluntarily \$150,000 of his profits to the Treasury, but we are not told whether he might have had to do this anyway, as many manufacturers must, under the renegotiation process. A war contractor thus could make patriotic virtue of legal necessity.

WE DO KNOW, however, that the advertising matter is entirely political and ideological, with no mention of any commercial product, and that it represents a lavish outlay of money by a corporation for political propaganda in the guise of public service, financed by an immigrant from Russia, who seems to admire Russia as a trustworthy national comrade of the United States, without reference to the record of Russia's past performances or examination of the Communist system.

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January 24, 1946

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director FBI  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed clipping was taken from a Nashville newspaper under date of 23.

I was so much impressed with it that I am sending it to you, hoping that it may be of some interest to you.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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Register Says:

# Hoover Warns U.S.

## FBI Chief Discusses Communism Here

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22—In two recent speeches, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has identified Communism and the activities of the American Communists as a moral and social menace, unusually vehement expressions from him, and an indication that the immunity which the Communists enjoyed under the patronage of Franklin D. and Eleanor Roosevelt no longer exists.



Hoover

During Mr. Roosevelt's presidency, with the exception of that brief time when Stalin and Hitler were allies against Poland, the foul aggressor, the American Communists and their fellow-travelers were regarded as victims of error who nevertheless had a right to work for the violent overthrow of the American government by such "constitutional" means as sabotage, permeation of the Washington government, and persecution of employers and rank and file workers through the Labor Relations Board, which they infested and dominated.

### Police Chiefs Told

At the meeting of the international association of chiefs of police in Miami Beach, Mr. Hoover did recognize the existence of a postwar crime wave which police officials of the waning LaGuardia administration in New York nevertheless denied even in the presence of such an outburst of murderous thuggery that the law-abiding went down to the corner after dark only in peril of death.

The press coverage of the Miami speech generally seems to have neglected, whether from innocent reasons or the design of motivated leftist reporters and desk-men, to give due emphasis to his discussion of the Communists. Of them he said:

"These panderers of diabolic mistrust already are concentrating their efforts to confuse and divide by applying the Fascist smear to police departments, the FBI and other American institutions to conceal their own sinister purposes. The godless, truthless way of life that they would force on America can mean only tyranny and oppression. They are against the liberty which is America. When they raise the cry of unity, remember that there can be no unity with the enemies of our way of life. The Fascist-minded tyrant is no different from the American Communist opportunist who uses the tricks of confidence man until his arms are sufficiently strong to arms in revolt."

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er plainly was refer-

stupid non-Communist bosses of AFL units have actually established, in almost all tests of power, the right to riot and intimidate by chains and clubs American citizens bound on lawful errands at struck premises. He reminded the chiefs of police that "our first line of defense" is the cop on the corner, who, in Stamford, Conn., and Kearny, N. J., in recent weeks flinched in the presence of mobs, and refused to uphold the citizens' rights. These, be it remembered were not strike-breakers, although the citizen does have a right to accept a job that a striker has quit and a right to police protection.

"It behooves us," Mr. Hoover said, "to be on guard for an enemy that brazenly has advocated the corruption of America, that poses behind a dozen fronts, that squirms his way into those great American forces such as the church, the schools and the ranks of labor."

In the other address, on receiving the champion's award of the Catholic Youth organization in New York, Mr. Hoover observed that during the war "arrests for prostitution increased 375 per cent, for disorderly conduct 357 per cent and for drunkenness and driving while intoxicated 174 per cent among girls under 18 years."

### Marks a Gain

While he did not at this point charge the Communists with blame for these figures, his citations recalled the revelations of Benjamin Gitlow, the predecessor of Earl Browder in command of the Communist conspiracy who wrote in his confessions that the debauchery of young girls was a primary purpose of the Communist youth movement and a personal delight of the male Communist conspirators. By his admission, Hoover's figures would be a comfort and mark an unearned gain for the Communist cause.

Recalling that youth has ever been a revolutionary force and Hitler's exploitation of German youth, Hoover said: "In our country we have seen another youth movement arise. It still flourishes. I refer to that high-sounding, idealistic title, 'American Youth for Democracy,' which conceals the evils and corruption of Communism. The name is a new one for the 'Young Communist League.'"

This is a true descendant of the very same youth movement to which Mrs. Roosevelt often gave solace and encouragement. Free to Attack

Quietly in those days, the FBI was calling on the Dies Committee for factual information regarding Communist activities and Mr. Hoover certainly has a much greater knowledge of this conspiracy and abhorrence for the corruption than he revealed publicly while the organization thrived under White House patronage. His present denunciations speak for themselves and by way of interpretation it is tempting to conclude that under Mr. Truman

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your very thoughtful letter of January 24, 1946, and the newspaper clipping which accompanied it. Your courtesy and interest in this regard are indeed appreciated.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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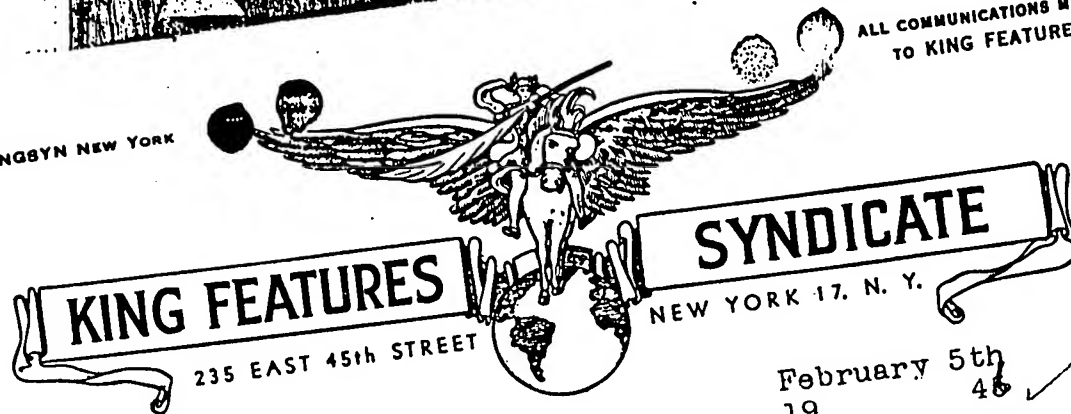
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OFFICE OF  
WESTBROOK PEGLER

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently I have read persistent reports that you are about to resign. These reports name as your probable successor a man whose record would seem to be less suspicious of the Communists and probably more considerate if them.

Would you care to tell me, in confidence or on any other terms you may stipulate, whether you have been placed under pressure to resign because of your recent speeches against American Communists?

My address for several weeks will be:

Magee Road  
Route 6  
Tucson, Arizona.

Sincerely,

*Westbrook Pegler*

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Mr. Westbrook Pegler  
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Route 6  
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Dear Mr. Pegler:

I wish to acknowledge your communication of February 5, 1946, and appreciate the interest which prompted you to make the inquiry.

Obviously, I have been under pressure from the Communists over a period of years. At times their pressure has manifested itself in the most unexpected places. However, no one in any official capacity in the Government has complained about my recent speeches, wherein I condemned the American Communists and their tactics. The Communists themselves have had a lot to say, and if you follow the Daily Worker and some of their other outlets I am sure you have seen something about this.

The issue was mentioned on the floor of Congress recently when Congressman Fred Bradley of Michigan went into the matter somewhat in detail. He has had copies of his speech reprinted, one of which is enclosed and which you might find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

W. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
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OFFICE OF  
WESTBROOK PEGLER

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My interest has been aroused in the case of Axel Wenner-Gren. I understand that our government made it impossible for him to enter the United States. A mutual friend has told me, however, that your Bureau thoroughly investigated this man and gave him a clean bill. On the other hand, I am convinced that many individuals who entered this country as refugees, and who apparently will be permitted to stay indefinitely, are Communists.

Could you, with propriety, tell me whether the F. B. I. has investigated Wenner-Gran and what the findings were?

Sincerely,

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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OFFICE OF  
WESTBROOK PEGLER

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It appears to me that, inasmuch as one of your agents visited me investigating the Harry Hopkins yacht rumor, you could, with propriety, let me know the results of the F. B. I.'s investigation.

I refer to a report that Hopkins and Mrs. Hopkins were given the use of a yacht, the property of Mr. Fruehauf, commandeered by the Navy, for a honeymoon cruise.

Sincerely,

*Westbrook Pegler*

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
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EX-11

Mr. Westbrook Pegler  
Magee Road  
Route 6  
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Pegler:

I wish to acknowledge your two communications dated February 11, 1946.

With reference to your communication regarding the case of Axel Wenner-Gren, I regret that I cannot be of assistance to you. While it is true that the FBI looked into certain phases of Wenner-Gren's activities; nevertheless this was done at the request of the State Department, and since this was a service rendered to another government agency, it would be inappropriate for me to discuss the matter in any detail. I do hope that you understand my position. For your confidential information, our investigation occurred after Wenner-Gren had been placed on the black list by the State Department.

With reference to your other communication pertaining to the allegations involving the late Harry Hopkins and the yacht, I wish to advise that we did investigate these rumors, which were found to be without basis. The yacht involved in the rumors belonged to Mr. Roy Truehauf of Detroit. The War Shipping Administration was requested by the Navy to acquire this yacht for use by the Coast Guard on June 29, 1942. On July 10, 1942, the Commandant of the Ninth Naval District in Cleveland, Ohio, was authorized to take possession of this boat, and on July 24, 1942, it was actually acquired by the Coast Guard. On July 28, 1942, the boat was ordered transferred to the Sixth Naval District and left Detroit on August 19, arriving in New York on August 26, departing New York on August 27, and arriving at Charleston, South Carolina on September 7, 1942, for service after conversion in off-shore patrol duty.

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Mr. Westbrook Pegler

According to Navy records, Harry Hopkins did not spend his honeymoon on a Navy ship. The rumor was rather widely circulated at the time, and it was most difficult to definitely track down and fix the responsibility for its origin.

I trust that this information will be of assistance to you.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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# FAIR ENOUGH

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

**I**ND it necessary to correct an error by my colleague, Alfred Damon Runyon, in that he did on March 7 assert that it was Pegler who described as "criminal scum" a considerable portion of the winter clientele of Miami and Miami Beach.

I own up to having used this dainty term more than once but I think that Alfred, as an old-time settler there and a near neighbor of some of the most robustious pineapple men and practitioners of the Neapolitan bag trick, should know that it was first applied to his clothes-line friends by John Edgar Hoover, the young King Brady of our time and the eye that never sleeps.

Mr. Hoover was moved to such language one winter when he went to the Miamis for a little vacation and was unable to rest because wherever he looked, by day or night, he saw countenances which set him mentally to fitting the decks and decks of little picture cards in his big plant in the Department of Justice.

**W**HILE I never objected to gambling as such and have always preferred the table and crank sports to stock speculation because the hurt is comparatively trivial and much sooner over, I often did enjoy describing scenes that a stranger could perceive in the Miamis but which the sheriffs, mayors and policemen were unaware of.

It sometimes even occurred to my cynical mind that there might be collusion between the dealers and the local statesmen and perhaps gifts of money from the former to the latter for their forbearance to the great distress of all believers in self government under freedom.

But they never did pay me any never-mind until usually along toward the latter part of March which had become an annual festival like the Madri Gras or harvest moon and was known as crime-must-go week.

• About the end of this week most of the visitors would be gone and the aroused guardians would state truthfully that there was not a wheel spinning anywhere in Dade county and this would be a great victory for the pure in heart.

**O**NCE, the legislature up in Tallahassee was going to subpoena me to come and tell all and the way I understood it was that the member who had this rash idea thought I was already up around Louisville doing some of my tender prose about the steeds.

Instead, however, I had tarried around Orlando and when I wired the member that I would be glad to come over they were so alarmed that they adjourned the legislature.

**M**Y FRIEND, Alf Runyon, says the criminal scum with whom he lives on friendly terms do not engage in professional practice in the Miamis and I sort of agree that in this respect the community enjoys an immunity like that of St. Paul, for many years under John O'Connor when St. Paul was known as prisoners base, and Toledo, which had a similar arrangement.

The rule in St. Paul and Toledo was that professionals landing in town were to register at headquarters even before they registered at their hotels and were placed on their honor not to misbehave and usually kept the pledge, the results being that these cities had more criminals and less crime than you could find anywhere else outside a big prison.

But in the Miamis temptation sometimes overcame poor weak members of the scum as one time when a prowler ran up a magnificent score in jewelry and was caught and given something like 40 years. He said it was a low-down dirty trick because he had been practically licensed for an exclusive concession to rob the idle rich and accused some of the most stately local personalities of partnership with him.

"Faugh" and "a timely story" the leaders of local thought and civic affairs replied incredulously and at my last hearing of him, when I went to Ralford to call, he was still in the death house for safe keeping because he had broken jail and been recaptured and the warden said he was just too busy to mess with jail breakers.

The warden was fixing to keep him 40 years in the death house although in Florida 10 years is about the maximum for anything and is usually dealt to rural axe murderers who slay five, maim unwed mother and babe in frenzy.

**I**T IS A peculiar fact that, each in his way, Alfred Runyon and I have made a pretty good thing out of writing about the criminal scum. Alfred has been their interpreter in such ribald stories as "Butch Minds the Baby" and has larded the American language with much of theirs which is raucous all right but much less picturesque than you might suppose.

I mean that while Alf has rabbit ears and funnels in their thoughts and wordage, he also paints on little dabs of color of his own because, actually, most of them are ignorant bums with very little imagination.

While Alfred was fellowshiping with the scum over these years and plainly enjoying their company, I was aloofing them personally and casing such overconfident, extravagant slobs as Gregorio Scalise and Harry Rose among some others. Gregorio was a neighbor of Alf's one winter and was running around with Little Augie Carfano and the old bootlegger who calls himself Jimmy Kelly which is not his name and all were playing high social that year with neighbor Al Capone. Gregorio never could understand how he got fetched and that Rose, who thought he was in the clear, was actually so stupid that he just couldn't keep out of jail. So, anyway, Alf played one side of the street and I worked the other and we have both done all right.

**I** WILL wager that you never heard the criminal scum story that I am about to relate. One winter, in Palm Beach, I dropped into the office of Barry Shannon, the manager of Bradley's big gambling house, and, noticing some ball-bats in a corner, asked if the dealers and the boys of the committee, who lurked in the dark of the parking space at night, were playing a little One Old Cat.

Oh, no, Mr. Shannon said and rolling up a desk revealed a variety of weapons ranging from a six seven-eighths blackjack in a BB width to a blast furnace of sawed-off 12-gauge.

Then pointing up behind the chaste white grille overlooking the big play room, Mr. Shannon showed me two silent committeemen sitting there with rifles intently watching the scene of extravagance where the women present might have assayed a couple of million in jewelry to say nothing of the cash in circulation.

Not long before, Mr. Shannon said, they had had a distinguished visitor. Barry, who is very good on faces, made him before he was inside the door. His guest was Gerald Chapman, one of the recognized leaders of the scum later to be hanged at Wethersfield, Conn., who was worth \$100,000 dead or alive.

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This is really a very clever piece of writing.

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He could not divine Mr. Chapman's intentions and this, naturally, made him very nervous. So he telephoned the sheriff, Bob Baker, across the causeway and Mr. Baker said, yes, and Dutch Anderson, the other half of the team, and likewise worth \$100,000, was in a room in West Palm, waiting for Chappie to report.

"Didn't you make a grab for them?" I asked Mr. Shannon.

"Oh, for pity sake alive," Mr. Shannon said. "Of course not. We didn't want the distasteful publicity that would have ensued and to Mr. Baker, the good name of our fine community was not to be sacrificed for a paltry \$200,000 in rewards. We might even have had a shooting.

"No, we just watched them carefully and next morning they drove off toward Jacksonville and we all were greatly relieved."

So, later on Dutch Anderson was killed by a policeman in Michigan and Chapman shot a policeman in a cheap burglary in Waterbury and was hanged by a unique device which whipped him off the floor instead of dropping him through a hatch and the guests of old Col. Bradley's austere Beach Club never knew that on that night they had the honor to rub elbows with the heaviest clot of the cream of the criminal scum.

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Mr. Edgar Hoover.  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover.

I am writing to you  
because I know of no one else  
who I can think of that has  
the power to stop Westbrook  
Pegler from writing articles like  
the enclosed one. For over two  
years Pegler has slandered  
the Roosevelt family. No one  
who admired W. H. A. has a  
President have to see this  
kind of slander in every  
night paper. Isn't there a  
law to stop this kind of  
thing? It is now being  
to belittle Pres. Roosevelt in  
the eyes of the public. I  
think Pegler should see a  
psychiatrist and be made  
WESTBROOK PEGLER -

throw away his job for  
he is sure if not fit to write  
articles in any negro paper.  
Mr. Hodges if there is not of  
your line of duty will you  
see if some one else will take  
the matter in hand. His  
writings are all of the gangster  
type. A man who would  
sland another who is in his  
grave has lost all decency.  
Many of my friends join me  
in this letter with hope  
something can be done.  
Thanking you in advance

I remain  
Yours truly

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## Truman's "Roosevelt Policy" Pledge Is Target for Pegler

By WESTBROOK PEGLER  
In President Truman's remarks

at Hyde Park, solemnizing a tax-dodge through a transfer of real estate from the Roosevelt family to the department of the interior, there is found a groveling renunciation of his own dignity and character.

"May Almighty God, who has watched over this republic as it grew from weakness to strength, give us the wisdom to carry on in the way of Franklin D. Roosevelt," said the man who, only a year before, had accepted the U. S. presidency in his own name.

If plain words have plain meaning, notwithstanding Felix Frankfurter's devious dictum that it is pernicious to assume they do, these considered utterances of Mr. Truman mean only that the dead Roosevelt is still president and that his successor does not consider himself to be president in his own self but rather the executor of Roosevelt's political will, according to the interpretation of a presumptuous college of lamas. They mean that he will not make decisions according to the constitutional duty of his office but will consult the spirit of his political deity and search his papers for guidance.

### Demand for Spanish Action

This is the most abject degradation of a president and of the office in all our history. And it comes at a time when Roosevelt's most intimate followers are clamoring for American collaboration in action against the established government of Spain which inevitably and intentionally would cause new massacres of her people on both sides and needless agony to millions, all in the name of that mocking phantom, "democracy." For intervention in Spain, whether side-long through withdrawal of our recognition and starvation of her people or by support of an invasion such as our government permitted when the Communists were openly and illegally organizing their military "brigades" in New York and Washington, the interpreters of Roosevelt's "way" will find plain justification in his policies. It has been argued angrily of late that the Spanish government had traffic with the axis during our war. This may be granted, although, as Winston Churchill said, Franco could have done us terrible injury by letting Hitler through to Africa. But why shouldn't he have been friendly to the axis considering that Hitler and Mussolini helped him beat

great war but not above God. In pointed fact he said, "That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom."

Why do you suppose Mr. Truman says such things and abdicates his own dignity in the highest office within the gift of his countrymen, Republicans as well as Democrats, the religious of all faiths as well as the atheist? Did he write what he said and, if not, does he lack the intelligence to detect in a political speech written for him by others, the elevation of the memory of a contemporary politician above Almighty God? It has been observed that, contrary to our custom, still prevalent in both sides of congress and even in the increasingly sordid rites of our national conventions, the invocation is sometimes eliminated from important deliberations. That is a show of deference to the godless. But better that God be ignored entirely than that He be pensioned off by the process used by Mr. Truman in dedicating a site for cynical wreath-layings and self-serving orations by machine politicians with no more inner respect for Roosevelt than John L. Lewis had or Tom Girdler, Tom Dewey or Jim Farley. History Verdict Feared?

"Only history can do him full justice," Mr. Truman said, an unwitting criticism of his own impetuous haste to "hallow" the site one year after Roosevelt's death, revealing some apprehension that history will not deify but indict.

A man capable of such indecency at a grave might not realize that his remarks were not merely a tribute to a political effigy but an affront to almost half of the electorate. Those who cannot excuse the offense against manners in this cheap sentimentality will have to accept Mr. Truman's vulgarity as a fact to be lived with while he is president.

For future reference, the total meaning of his speech is highly important, for here is a man, become president of the U.S. and warmly tolerated during an erratic year of trial, who then frankly says that he doesn't regard himself as president at all but merely as a medium on earth for a political spook, receiving his orders through a crystal ball and a chorus of table-tippers in touch with the spirit world.

We thought we had a president but discover instead a fellow in a conical cap adorned with zodiac symbols, with a stuffed owl and a glass-eyed tomcat for stage props, governing our nation by signals from a ouija board. We could get a night-club mystic with a talking tea-kettle for less money if all we are entitled to is static from the great beyond. (Copyright '46, by King Feet Synd.)

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...and Communists helped him beat  
the Communists? And why should  
he have had any tender feeling  
for us, considering that we al-  
lowed his enemies to recruit  
troops in our country and send  
them other aid and comfort, too?  
Cites Lincoln's Plea.

A wiser president than Mr.  
Truman might have detected the  
indignity to Almighty God in the  
mocking prayer for wisdom by  
which to carry on, not in God's  
way but in the way of Franklin  
D. Roosevelt. In this he skirted,  
if he didn't actually touch blas-  
phemy and demonolatry and, in  
his reluctance to acknowledge  
God's own way as the moral and  
social preference of a nation  
which has officially recognized  
God many times, we find a change  
in counsel. Almighty God be-  
comes emeritus, so to speak, and  
the spirit of Roosevelt succeeds  
him.

To be sure, Abraham Lincoln  
honored the dead in an earlier



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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 29, 1946, has been received, together with enclosure, and I wish to advise that the matter set forth does not come within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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It is believed that the Bureau will be interested in the information set out below relative to the additional operations of [redacted] and [redacted]. In this regard it is observed that the Bureau has conducted considerable investigation of the con games operated by these individuals throughout the United States. It is also believed that the Bureau may desire the information related with regard to WESTBROOK PEGLER.

It thereupon occurred to [redacted] that perhaps the Bureau might assist him in procuring [redacted] address either through PEGLER or by other means. He also thought the Bureau might attempt the apprehension of [redacted] for defrauding [redacted] on the basis of the following facts:

[redacted] accompanied by [redacted] entered into an agreement with [redacted] whereby in return for a loan of \$1000.00 or three months upon the anticipated sale of oil lands in Oklahoma, which the subjects were about to purchase. Thereafter [redacted] received letters, telephone calls and telegrams explaining [redacted] inability to close the deal in the agreed time. Finally there was no further communication from [redacted] but when they were eventually apprehended elsewhere [redacted] was successful in obtaining \$200.00 from the former.

For the information of the Bureau, [redacted] was advised that the above facts constituted no violation within the jurisdiction of this Bureau.

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OFFICE OF  
WESTBROOK PEGLER

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I don't recall that I ever thanked you for your courtesy and kindness on a busy day to my young nephew, Westbrook Pegler II, known as Tweek. If not, please forgive the delay and if so, repetition won't hurt. He was enthralled by the visit, of course, but to meet you was a privilege that set him apart among the kids at school. I appreciate your kindness and thank you.

Apparently the move to get your job and hand it to some Communist that we observed last winter was blocked before it really got under way. I hope it is dead.

By the way, if you care to take the trouble to answer, I would be interested to know how it is that data which was put in the record on Murray Garsson in the Mead Committee hearing as coming from the F. B. I. was so uncertain and sketchy. I mean the references to his associations with Schultz and the brewery. If these had not been matters of Congressional record, a newspaper would have been leery of touching them. Please understand that I am not criticizing, but have a natural curiosity. Is it that your Bureau keeps a sort of substandard file on dubious characters and maintains firm records only where there are affirmed convictions?

Wishing you further success in your work, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Pegler:

I wish to acknowledge your communication of August 19th. I was very happy that your nephew enjoyed his visit at the Bureau and it was a pleasure to have had the opportunity of greeting him.

In reply to your inquiry regarding the summary on Murray Garsson which was furnished the Mead Committee, I wish to advise for your confidential information that several months prior to the public hearings in answer to an inquiry from the Department a brief summary on Murray Garsson was furnished the Department. It was furnished solely as and with the understanding that it was a summary of available data in the Bureau's files. In preparing the summary we obviously made no attempt to set forth in any detail the contents of the Bureau's files pertaining to this subject which had come from diverse sources and which had been accumulated over a period of years. As to the question you raised regarding the material being "uncertain and sketchy," as I have pointed out to you, in the first place it was intended to be solely a brief summary and secondly, it had been compiled from an accumulation of material furnished the Bureau in connection with other investigations. Obviously some of the material had been submitted purely as a matter of information and background. The summary at the time it was prepared was not intended to be a summary of the case under investigation by the Mead Committee. As a general policy we do not institute investigations or make a positive undertaking to gather information on a person just because of his reputation or the probability that at some future time he may be the subject of an allegation that he has violated a Federal law under our jurisdiction. I hope this explanation clarifies any question you may have had in your mind as to the nature of the material put into the records of the Mead Committee as coming from the FBI.

I appreciate your kind comments regarding the attempts that were made last spring to undermine the Bureau; however, you

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Mr. Westbrook Pegler

August 22, 1946

may rest assured that the subversive forces who have been seeking to disrupt the Bureau over a period of years will not remain quiet.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. Edgar Hoover  
Mailed by the Director

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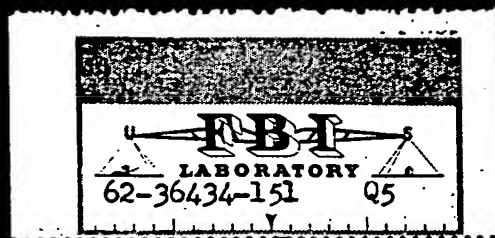
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**NEW YORK, Oct. 17** — On the evening of Sept. 23, following President Roosevelt's oration to Dan Tobin's goons in the Hotel Statler in Washington, two young naval officers, with good war records, were ganged and beaten by an overwhelming number of persons unknown whose conduct strictly indicated that they had been members of Mr. Roosevelt's audience.

The officers were quickly identified and exonerated of misconduct. Had they been drunk or had they provoked the fight, they undoubtedly would have been tried by courtmartial. The fact that no charges were made against them by either the navy or the civil authorities of Washington vindicates them completely and indicts the hoodlums who attacked them. The victims said the gang went to work on them when they refused to promise to vote for Roosevelt in the election.

WASHINGTON is the headquarters of the vaunted federal bureau of investigation whose chief, J. Edgar Hoover, has received more publicity than Hawkshaw the detective, old and young Kings Brady, Nick Carter and Sherlock Holmes, combined, much of it promoted by himself for his

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Re: Anonymous Letter Postmarked October 20, 1944, File # ~~62-36434-147~~  
Bloomington, Indiana, Enclosing Westbrook Pegler Lab. # D-24961 ET  
Column Datelined New York, October 18, 1944

Examination requested by: Bureau (L. B. Nichols)

Date of reference communication: Memo 10-27-44 Date received: 10-28-44

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination: Examination by: Webb  
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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 White env. add. to "Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Washington, D. C., F. L. B." pm. at Bloomington, Indiana on October 20, 1944.
- Q2 Asp. one page handwritten letter bgn. "Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Enclosed find a ..." signed "A disgraced citizen".
- Q3 Asp. newspaper clipping entitled "Pegler: What a Case!".

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REFERENCE SUBJECT: Anonymous letter addressed to  
the Director, postmarked Milwaukee, Wisc. Nov. 1,  
1944 enclosing Westbrook Taylor columns datelined  
New York October 15, 1944 and October 17, 1944.

File # ~~62-1134-191~~  
Lab. # ~~25756~~ BT

Examination requested by: Bureau

Date of reference communication: 3/3 11-6-44

Date received: 11-6-44  
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Examination requested: Doc. Fgt.

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Kobb

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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q4 Env with two adr to "Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief - F. B. I., Washington, D. C."  
and "Milwaukee Nov 1 7 PM 1944 Wisc."  
Q5 Top two notes, undated bgn "J. Edgar Hoover: So now the F. B. I. and I....."  
with two asp newspaper clippings datelined Oct. 15, 44 and Oct. 17, 44.

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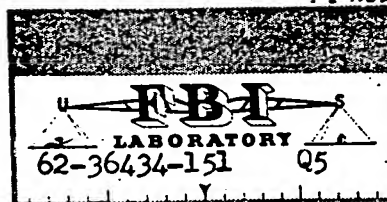
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**WASHINGTON, Oct. 15**—Good morning, children. Have you had your irony today? You haven't? Well, open your horrid little kissers and old Dr. Dixon will shoot you a trapful.

This is probably the darndest dose of irony you've ever taken. Hold onto your chairs, kiddies—here it comes!

Only a sheer act of Providence saved those hoodlums of the AFL teamsters union from being strewn all over the Statler in varying states of dismantlement.

**DO YOU KNOW** who those two naval officers were waiting for when they were attacked and beat up?

Com. Gene Tunney! The former heavyweight champion of the world, who knocked off the great Jack Dempsey, was on his way to the hotel while the attack was in progress. He was 15 minutes late for his appointment!

**THIS FASCINATING ANGLE** to the "Battle of the Statler" probably would never have been revealed but for a fortuitous circumstance. Neither Lt. Randolph Dickins Jr. nor Lt. Com. James H. Suddeth, the attack victims, mentioned it in their accounts of the outrage. And Gene Tunney chose to keep it pretty much to himself.

It came to light this way:

Com. Tunney was in New York

and dropped in on Rear Adm. William Robert Munroe, commandant of the 3rd naval district. The conversation got around to the Statler business.

"You know, Gene," observed Adm. Munroe, "it's too bad you weren't there!"

"Yes, it was," agreed Com. Tunney, momentarily taken off guard. "But I'd have been there in time except that I was delayed at the office!"

Adm. Munroe's mouth opened. "What's that?" he demanded.

"I hadn't intended to say anything about this," said Gene, "but I only missed being in that battle by 15 minutes. I had an engagement in the hotel with Dickins and Suddeth. They were waiting for me when they were attacked!"

**LEAVE US NOW**, as the late Joe Jacobs used to say, do a bit of speculating as to what might have happened if Gene hadn't pulled a Jimmy Walker and been tardy.

The champ, who doesn't look anything but a rather large naval officer in his uniform, is chatting with Dickins and Suddeth when Dan Tobin's half plastered hoodlums wallow out of the meeting where they have just been inspired by F. D. R.

The Tobin toughs swagger up to Tunney and demand to know if he intends to vote for his commander-in-chief.

Now Com. Tunney, as befits a man wearing the uniform of

Uncle Sam, avoids political arguments. But it is little secret that he is no admirer of the New Deal. Also, he is a great friend of Gov. Dewey.

But Gene, always the gentleman, outside the ring, tries to turn the blusterers away with a soft answer. Like all bullies they take this as a sign of fear. So they close in on him.

One takes a roundhouse sock. Strangely, it fails to land. The next instant the bum is lying 10 feet away, staring with sightless eyes at the ceiling.

A second hooligan tries to sneak a punch—and something explodes under his chin; when he wakes up he will swear he was hit in the neck with a wagon tongue.

By this time, a third, or fourth rat will have landed a low blow. He will find himself turned around and measured. For weeks thereafter he will go around thinking he has four jaws.

There is also bound to be one who will discover for the first time where the solar plexis really is located. He will spend the rest of his life wishing he didn't own one.

And there will probably be still another who can leave the Statler and try to sell his ears for cauliflowerers!

Please, Gene, why don't you try to be on time for your appointments?

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the Director, postmarked Milwaukee, Wisc. Nov. 1,  
1944 enclosing Westbrook Pegler columns datelined  
New York October 15, 1944 and October 17, 1944.

File # 62-36434-151  
Lab. # D25356 ET

Washington,

New York,

Examination requested by: Bureau

Date of reference communication: R/S 11-6-44

Date received: 11-6-44  
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Examination requested: Doc. Fgpt.

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Webb ✓

b-1 typ. Q4, Q5 Woodstock Pic. (226)

typ. Q4, Q5 no ident. ALF. Add to ALF.

Ag No. prints on Q4 - none on Q5.

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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q4 Env with twm adr to "Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief - F. B. I., Washington, D. C."  
pmd "Milwaukee Nov 1 7 PM 1944 Wis."
- Q5 Acp twm note, undated bgn "J. Edgar Hoover: So now the F. B. I. and J....."  
with two acp newspaper clippings datelined Oct. 15, 44 and Oct. 17, 44.

Q4 white bond env. No wtnks.

9.52-9.55" x 4.15" x 0.0052-0.0054" wt. 5.684 g.

Q5 Small sheet of white paper (loose from a pad of 4 pp)  
No wtnks.

Approx. 6.48" x 4.13-4.15" x 0.0039" wt. 1.095 g.

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Mr. Coffey

November 18, 1944

Mr. Martin

Anonymous Letter Postmarked October 20, 1944  
Bloomington, Indiana, Enclosing Westbrook Pegler  
Column Datelined New York, October 18, 1944

Reference is made to the evidence listed below which was submitted to the Laboratory with a memorandum dated October 27, 1944 from Mr. Nichols.

- Q1 White envelope addressed to "Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Washington, D. C., F. I. B." postmarked at Bloomington, Indiana on October 20, 1944.
- Q2 Accompanying one page handwritten letter beginning "Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Enclosed find a ....." signed "A disgraced citizen".
- Q3 Accompanying newspaper clipping entitled "Pegler: What a Case!".

The handwriting on the above-listed specimens was compared with the material contained in the Anonymous Letter File, but no identification was effected. A photographic copy of this material is being added to this file for future reference and comparison.

Specimens Q1 through Q3 were chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints, and a separate report on this phase of the examination will be submitted. Detailed physical characteristics of these specimens have been made a matter of record in the Laboratory.

The original evidence is being retained in the files of the Laboratory. Photographic copies of this evidence are attached hereto.

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Bloomington, Indiana, Enclosing Westbrook Pegler Lab. # D-24961 ET  
Column Datelined New York, October 18, 1944

Examination requested by: Bureau (L. B. Nichols)

Date of reference communication: Memo 10-27-44 Date received: 10-28-44  
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Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Webb  
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Re: Anon. Let fm. Oct. 20, 1944,  
Bloomington, Ind., incl. Spectrograph  
Pegler Column Dated Oct. 14,  
Oct. 18, 1944

File # 62-36434-149  
Lab. # 24961

Examination requested by: Bureau

Date of reference communication: Memo 10-27-44 Date received: 10-28-44

Examination requested: Doc - 7 gpt.

Result of Examination:

Examination by: E. Jones

164. Q1, Q2 No ident ALP. Searched I B, III A, III E + IV; Add to III  
I on Q1. AgNO<sub>3</sub> on Q1 → Q3.

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 white bond env. No wtrmk.  
5.97-5.91" x 3.56" x 0.0052"

11-14-44  
wt. 3.054 g.

Q2 Portion of a sheet of white linen finish stationery - no wtrmk.  
torn along left edge. No wtrmk.  
Length 7.01"  
wtr th. 0.0038

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TO : Mr. Coffey  
FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE: October 27, 1944

SUBJECT : Anonymous Letter Postmarked October 20, 1944,  
Bloomington, Indiana, Enclosing Westbrook Pegler  
Column Datelined New York, October 18, 1944.

The attached anonymous letter and newspaper clipping appear to be the work of mental case; however, it is thought it might be well to check the handwriting against the anonymous letter file in an effort to make an identification. Consideration might also be given to developing latent fingerprints. This might be a dubious procedure in view of the fact the letter no doubt has been handled by clerks, etc.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the handwriting on the letter be checked against the anonymous letter file and that a record be made of it with the thought that a possible identification might be made in the future if not at the present time.

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THIS would have been normal procedure in any law-abiding community where political influence did not interfere with the administration of justice. In New York county Frank Hogan, successor to Tom Dewey, would have shoved Tobin and his executive board into the grand jury room within 24 hours and the police, unless they were handcuffed by political orders from the city hall to lay off friends of the administration, would have pinched the entire

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A senate committee has been making absurd passes at the case, with political motives directing both the inquiry and obstruction of the inquiry. This is no proper business of a congressional investigation. It is a straight police case in which nothing has been done because the gorillas were members of the following of Mr. Tobin and the president.

More than that the navy even tried, for political motives, to prevent news of the gang attack from reaching naval ships and stations in the war zones. By now, thousands of relatives and friends of individual bluejackets and officers will have mailed them clippings telling of the brawl.

IN THIS connection you might be interested to learn that Tobin himself, is so fearful of violence to his own royal person that he and the rest of the ruling caste of the teamsters' union are protected by a special constitutional provision. An assault on a "general officer," meaning Tobin or any member of his cabinet, by a rank and file member, comes in a special criminal category under union law. Any member so charged must stand trial before the ruling clique itself, in which case the complaining witness sits as judge and prosecutor, and may suffer any "discipline" which the board, of which Tobin is chairman, decrees.

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#### War a Deadly Thing.

"I can only claim to be among those to whom this war is a deadly serious thing; and I wish my claim to be listed among those who resent with every atom of their being the efforts which are being made by the Hillmans, the Browders, the Murrays and others, including our president, to nullify the sacrifices of thousands of American boys.

"As I heard the oath to defend the Constitution repeated by the young men at Ellington I could not but remember the remarks which have been made about it by Americans of foreign birth who would seek to destroy it, 'a scrap of paper, an outmoded document, a bill of property rights rather than a bill of human rights.' And these are the men who are asking that we trust our country to them.

"The situation under which the communist front in America is trying to wield control over our country through the capture of one of our great political parties is so preposterous as to be almost incredible. But make no mistake. The threat is a real one. That a Russian-born radical, with all of the class hate of his native land, should aspire to control this country is so fantastic that many cannot believe it. But it is

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children had wandered into the house to escape the 35-degree weather.

## NEGRO LEAVES NEW DEAL JOB

### Boston Lawyer Loses Faith in Party in Power.

NEW YORK Oct. 18.—Julian W. Rainey, of Boston, Mass., former director of the colored division of the democratic national committee, has declared his support for Dewey and Bricker with the assertion that "a vote for Roosevelt is a vote against the progressive welfare of the Negro."

Mr. Rainey, prominent in Boston legal circles, resigned only last Friday as attorney for the new deal office of price administration in the New England area. He presented his resignation, he said, because "I could not remain silent during this campaign while laboring under the responsibility to protest against a most subtle and vicious plan to perpetuate in America a second class citizenship for my people."

#### Brownell Praises Rainey.

Mr. Rainey was formerly assistant corporation counsel for Boston. He has served as special attorney for Massachusetts in the department of justice. He headed the colored division of the democratic national committee in the last four presidential campaigns. Accepting Mr. Rainey's support of Dewey and Bricker Herbert Brownell, jr., republican national chairman, paid tribute to the high regard of Negroes for Mr. Rainey.



## PEGLER: What a Case!

BY WESTBROOK PEGLER.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—On the evening of Sept. 23, following President Roosevelt's oration to Dan Tobin's teamsters in the Hotel Statler in Washington, two young naval officers with good war records were ganged and beaten by an overwhelming number of persons unknown whose conduct strongly indicated that they had been members of Mr. Roosevelt's audience.

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## FATHER'S PLEDGE MADE TO SONS

### Dead in the War They Recall His Promise.

HOUSTON, Texas, Oct. 18.—Here is something that should set beating rapidly the heart of every American father and mother whose boys are in these horrible wars or are likely to be. It was written by Ray L. Dudley, publisher of the Oil Weekly, who has lost two sons in service. It is very touching and especially important to fathers and mothers and to all Americans at this time. Mr. Dudley wrote:

"I stood in the blazing sun at Ellington field in Texas last Monday and watched the cadets file by, fine manly chaps, watched them come into the hall in which they were to receive their wings as commissioned officers in the United States army air force. My third and last boy, a lad of 19, was among them.

"Two years ago his mother and I had seen a similar group file into the chapel at Ellington to receive their wings and our second boy was among them. Today he and his elder brother, who had chosen navy air, are memories. precious memories it is true, but boys to be spoken of in hushed tones as boys who would have made good citizens, two boys whose memories will never be dimmed in the eyes of their father and mother. They with thousands of others have made the supreme sacrifice for America as they knew it and loved it. . . .

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### IN HENHOUSE.



Carol (left) and Gary Titecomb, aged two and three, of Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y., rest happily in a hospital crib after being found in a henhouse. It was believed the children had wandered into the henhouse to escape the 35-degree weather.

## NEGRO LEAVES NEW DEAL JOB

### Boston Lawyer Loses Faith in Party in Power.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Julian W. Riney, of Boston, Mass., for-

January 15, 1947

Mr. Westbrook Pegler  
Mages Road  
R. F. D. Number 6  
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Pegler:

AIR MAIL  
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DATE 12/6/83 BY SP7mac/ka

Upon returning to the office late last evening Mr. Nichols advised me of his conversation with you, and I did want to drop this personal note to express my regret at not having been in the city when you called at the Bureau last week. Had I been in I certainly would have enjoyed a visit with you. 1-16 82

In accordance with your request of Mr. Nichols, I am enclosing a copy of the statement pertaining to gambling which I issued on Monday. G.I.R.-5

I have always held to the view that the first line of defense against crime is the home town and the individual community, and I have a very strong feeling that the only way to protect sports from the stifling influences of gambling is to place the responsibility on those who have charge of sporting and athletic events. As I pointed out in my statement, it is just as important that sports appear honest as to actually be honest.

As you have pointed out so frequently in your column, situations do arise which are danger signals and which are sufficient to warn decent people from becoming involved in unethical or unlawful activities.

The next time you are in Washington I do hope you will let me know.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

By reference from the Director's office I talked to Westbrook Pegler this afternoon. He apologized for not having come in on Monday. He stated he was getting ready to leave Washington for Tucson, Arizona, and wanted to explain why he had not been in. I told him this was perfectly understandable.

He then stated he had seen Congressman Hebert this afternoon and told the Congressman he thinks his bill to prohibit gambling is silly. That Hebert indicated he felt the FBI held to the view that gambling was widespread, and he wondered if there were anything to this. I told him he, of course, well knew the extensiveness of gambling. He stated he did. He said that [REDACTED] had told him that gambling is a 3-billion-dollar a year business. He then came back to the Hebert bill and stated that he felt they were approaching it from the wrong standpoint, that it should be controlled by the people who control sports. I told him if the Director was not out of town I would suspect he and the Director had been in collaboration, that the Director had sent down a statement issued yesterday on gambling wherein he takes this exact position. Pegler had not seen the statement and asked that a copy be sent him. I told him this would be done.

He then wondered if there was anything he could look into for us in Tucson. I told him since he would be in the general vicinity he might want to visit Las Vegas as the Flamingo Hotel which recently opened was becoming a gambling center. It was understood that I was not talking for publication. I then mentioned the Bugs Siegel gang which is running the Flamingo and the fact that he might want to check into its construction in view of the freezing order prohibiting William [REDACTED] construction which was issued March 26th. He stated this recalled an excellent tip he had had which he thought was accurate but which he had never used. He stated he would certainly do this.

I told Pegler next time he was in Washington to be sure and drop by, that I regretted the Director had been out. He said he would do this. He was very cordial and I believe it would be to the Bureau's advantage if the Director would sometime when Pegler is in town take him out to the house for dinner or sit down with him for half an hour or so, because regardless of what Pegler has said about the Bureau in the past, he does stand for some of the things we stand for. I think it would be well for the Director to give careful consideration to this. A letter is attached transmitting a copy of the statement. Respectfully,

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April 26, 1947

Mr. Westbrook Pegler  
Route Number 6  
Magee Road  
Tucson, Arizona

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Dear Mr. Pegler:

Your letter dated April 21, 1947, has been received, and I wish to advise that [REDACTED] at the specific request of a Special Assistant to the Attorney General [REDACTED]

His services were then dispensed with as he was contributing little of value. This has been his only connection with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This Bureau has not at any time substantiated any claims made by him.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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OFFICE OF  
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April 21, 1947

Mr. John Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

[REDACTED]

wrote me some time ago that she had written to Mrs. Ireta Van Doren  
of the weekly book review of the New York Herald Tribune concerning  
the validity of material contained in the books of John Roy Carlson  
with which I am sure you are familiar at least in a general way. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] sent me a document which she said was a true copy of a letter  
which she said she had received from Mrs. Van Doren. This letter said,  
"We have taken some trouble to investigate Mr. Carlson's career and  
have found his claims substantiated at every point by the State De-  
partment and the F.B.I. with whom he worked..."

As you will recall, you long ago gave me to understand  
and Robert Jackson as Attorney General affirmed my understanding that  
the Federal Bureau of Investigation is forbidden by law to give any  
information to any private individual or organization concerning any

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person or organization. Pursuant to that understanding you may have noticed that I have never since then sought to obtain any information from the F.B.I. I have written Mrs. Van Doren concerning this matter and hope to have an explanation from her. Would you please tell me whether the F.B.I. has "substantiated" the claims of Mr. Carlson in response to inquiries from Mrs. Van Doren and the Herald Tribune? If so, could I trouble you to explain to me just how this could be done under the law which you cited for me? I should very much appreciate enlightenment on this point.

Sincerely,

Westbrook Pegler

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PS: Could you also tell me whether Carlson  
"worked with" the FBI or Mrs. VD is said to  
have written?

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United States Department of Justice

New York 7, New York

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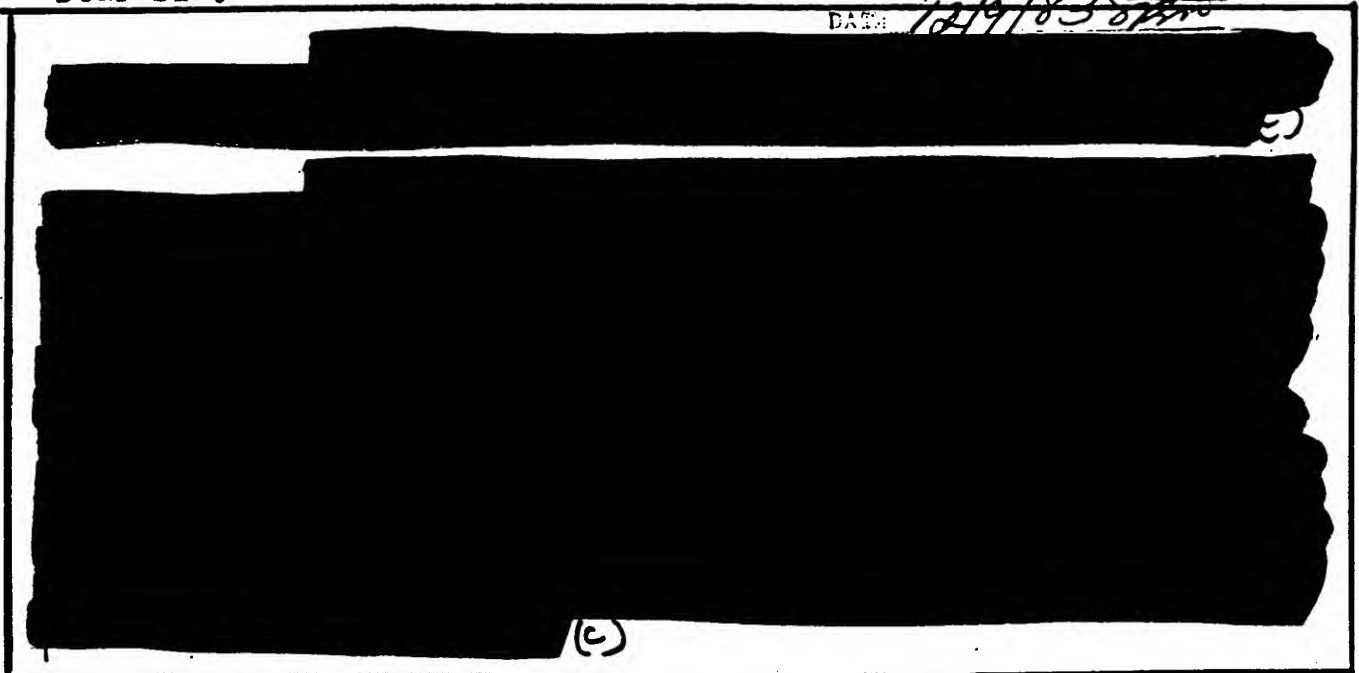
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Director, FBI

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RE: WESTBROOK PEGLER

Dear Sir:



The above is transmitted as of possible interest  
to the Bureau.

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Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: July 10, 1947

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER  
MISCELLANEOUS-INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson ✓  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Coffey  
 Mr. Glavin  
 Mr. Ladd  
 Mr. Nichols ✓  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Tracy  
 Mr. Mohr  
 Mr. Carson  
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 [REDACTED] recently advised the  
 Los Angeles office that Westbrook Pegler was arrested years ago by the  
 New York City Police on a charge of [REDACTED]

A search of Bureau files and Identification records has failed to  
 reflect any information on this alleged arrest.

This data is being furnished for your information.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

DATE: 10/6/47

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By reference from the Director's office I talked to Westbrook Pegler on September 30. Pegler was inquiring about the Director's speech made on Monday. He had seen a news account and said the Director's remarks intrigued him, that he was particularly interested in the references to Bugsy Siegel. I read this portion to him on the phone. He then stated that he had been checking on Siegel for some time and was amazed at the number of people who supposedly have good reputations who hung around Siegel, particularly in the motion picture colony. He asked if we had any idea who the stars were who attended the opening of the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas. This, of course, has been in the papers and accordingly I told Pegler that among the celebrities present were George Raft, George Jessel, Sonny Tufts, Charles Coburn, George Sanders, Lon McAllister, Vivian Blaine and Eleanor Parker (62-81518-351).

Pegler inquired as to the Director's health, which was rather unusual, and asked that his regards be extended.

He also stated he had talked to [REDACTED] who told him the Director had called him personally and advised him to get out of the Flamingo Hotel. I told Pegler I had not heard of this and did not believe the Director ever followed such a course of action.

He said he would be in Washington in the next few days and would like to come by and say hello. I told him we would be glad to see him. The thought occurs that we might furnish Pegler for use without attribution the details of the Civil Works Administration's attempt to block the Flamingo Hotel and suggest that he endeavor to secure a copy of the transcript of the Commissioner's hearings. You will recall they made this transcript available to Doug Larson of NEA recently.

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October 7-1947

Mr. Edgar J. Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.  
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My dear Mr. Hoover:

Is there anything which you or  
anyone else in authority can do to prevent  
the filming of the proposed moving picture  
by Westbrook Pegler and his brother, de-  
picting the life of the infamous Al Capone?

I am thinking of the children in  
this nation, whose parents do not supervise  
the kind of films which their offspring see.

Your quotations which appeared in the  
daily newspaper recently regarding crime and  
its glorification were indeed timely and I  
subscribe whole heartedly with what you said  
at that time.

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This type of film seems to me that prevention of  
this type of film is much more effective

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than treatment or possible cure  
after the evil has been absorbed  
and allowed to play on the imag-  
ination of our youth.

Very truly yours,

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TO: ☒ Director  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Skillman

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of October 7, 1947, has been received and although I would like to be of service, your inquiry does not concern a matter within the scope of the activities of this Bureau. It is suggested that you may wish to correspond with the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc., 3504 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California. I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure  
How to Fight Communism  
How Safe is Your Daughter  
Crime Begins at Home

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TO : Mr. Tolson  
FROM : L. B. Nichols  
SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER

DATE: 10-25-47

By reference from the Director's office I talked to Westbrook Pegler. He wanted to come by and see the Director. I told him the Director had left the office. He then stated he would drop by and see me. He came in around 2:00 o'clock yesterday. He wanted nothing in particular and asked that his best wishes be extended to the Director.

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He said he has heard that [REDACTED] who has some sort of a connection with Don Miller, the United States Attorney, is running a lottery on hockey which is working into the football field, which he thinks will be disastrous. I told him we had not heard of such a thing and that this of course, was not unusual as gambling for the most part is a local matter. He then got quite vitriolic on Don Miller, particularly his appointment to head up sports writers and mobilize them against juvenile delinquency. He then brought the Bugsy Siegel case and the Flamingo Hotel. He is on the verge of blasting the Sam Rothberg of American Distillers who he claimed was a part owner of the Flamingo. I asked Pegler if he had confused G. Harry Rothberg, a brother of Sam's, with Sam Rothberg. He insisted he had not. I recalled the testimony of Harry Rothberg before Commissioner Owens on the CWA Stock Order on the Flamingo Hotel. We have a transcript of this testimony. I let Pegler read the testimony of G. Harry Rothberg and he was very appreciative.

When he left he said he was going around to see Clark. He thought he might bait him on Miller as he understood [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I said nothing about this.

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# As Pegler Sees It

## Rampant GOP Emerging From the Wilderness

By WESTBROOK PEGLER  
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PHILADELPHIA, June 24.

AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE evening, as the music of the bands rose like flame, the pagan yearning of the Republicans in the streets and lobbies and the hot cells and abominable swills became a charge of barely suppressed jubilation.

For 16 years the lost tribe had been living on acorns and war contracts and the patronage of New York State and gradually more and more liberated provinces. Now, with a standing roster of more than a million Federal jobs, a majestic total commanding their awe as partisans and their loathing as selfless patriots, the displaced politicians felt triumph in their hearts, and heard it in the massive whoops and cries of the brasses.

It was a night of joy impending and if the men and women of Taft forgot their debt to Mr. Dewey for his heroic service in retrieving the Empire State that was an emotional error to be repented and forgiven in due course. They owed a certain surly gratitude to the late Roosevelt, too. For he had so vastly enlarged the function of the nation that even Republicans now



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national government so long ago that even Republicans now regarded social security as a fundamental right of the common man, and the jobs with it.

Only recently they had fought to expand it and increase the jobs. Even while they damned the spendthrift who had never met a payroll, they also damned the heartlessness of an old-age dole which ignored gardeners and butlers. Roosevelt had set precedents now become customs which, however infamous his purpose at the time, could be revoked today only with delicate care lest the edifice of liberty collapse.

A WORLDLY FELLOW, LEARNED in the pepper-and-salt personalities of the fly-cops of the bureaus who haunt our great consistories, would have met many members of the minor gestapos in the big hotels and on the walks. City detectives came on from many places and, like doctors, reporters and ladies of the promenade, found occasion to talk shop.

There were insurance investigators, lawyers' investigators and prosecutors' staff men from several metropolitan jurisdictions. There were treasury fellows, fly-cops from the protective arms of the department stores and plant security men graduated, rusticated or retired from police departments.

They were, as their trade phrase goes, engaged in the great duty but just mooching around, a casual chore involving sharp peeks behind the sand-pots and the opened doors in the great lobbies for wallets suavely lifted and swiftly ditched. They were, naturally, preponderantly Republican hawkhaws and the presence of so many eyes that never sleep inevitably provoked speculation about the future of John Edgar Hoover, the chief of the F. B. I.

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Now, undoubtedly, Mr. Hoover has deserved well of his fellow citizens but he has received well of them, too, if it comes to that. He and his lithe, lean, clean-limbed corps of gymnasts with their collegiate ways broke up the kidnaping industry notwithstanding the fierce resistance of some of Harry S. Truman's friends in the Pendergast purity league in Kansas City. Dillinger, Karpis, Bates and many another name once fearsome in the Middle West became just memories and when a member of Congress mocked his courage, Mr. Hoover hopped over his desk, with a triple somersault and a nip-up at the door, flew to New Orleans and personally made gun-play with a cad beyond the law.

**N**EVERTHELESS, MR. HOOVER WAS by reputation and association a democratic eye that never slept and it would be juvenile to suppose that if, or, better say, when, Tom Dewey becomes President he would overlook this chance to reward one of his own. No other Governor or other statesman, indeed no inveterate cop in the United States knows as much about the sly profession of learning the other fellow's secrets as Mr. Dewey.

As district attorney, working with a small staff, he out-schemed not only the nefarious cult of New Deal unionizers and sent a dozen off to prison, but, sometimes had to frustrate the city cops as well. And in one of his most trying adventures, he lost to Mr. Hoover the late Louis, or Lepke, Buchalter, who surrendered to the F. B. I. in a juvenile cops-and-robbers drama in the dark and silent streets.

Mr. Hoover wanted Lepke for, as it were, spitting on the sidewalk, and when he got custody, sent him up. Meanwhile Mr. Dewey wanted him on a prior claim for murder first. The late Fiorello LaGuardia was unpleasantly implicated as a political fixer for Sidney Hillman who was questioned in executive session but without a word on the record. LaGuardia fixed that. The Roosevelt Administration now sequestered Mr. Buchalter lest he squeal on Hillman's people in the murder case. The New Deal kept him out of Dewey's reach until it was too late to assemble the vital witnesses and corroborate the stories of those who could be found.

Lepke finally went to the chair, for another murder, a cheap, routine job. He tried to save himself in the last days, by confessing the truth but he finally was told that it was too late to hope for a hanging verdict in the other case. He died brave. With expressions of respect he said he realized that Mr. Dewey, by now the Governor, could not gamble on a conviction through his testimony as State's witness. And so, with the grace of a hero, he said goodbye that night and went.

**D**URING THIS TIME, MR. HOOVER frequented stylish and expensive saloons in the City of New York which are proscribed premises in the ethics of Mr. Dewey. He never has visited any of them and his most important subordinates are strangers at the plush ropes. Nor perfume, champagne, neckwear nor other souvenirs have they accepted during all the fabulous years of extravagance when the Stork and 21 and El Morocco in New York were to the posturing personalities of the New Deal what the pump was to Bill Devery in an earlier day downtown.

The Roosevelt boys, except perhaps Johnny; Jim Farley, Frank Murphy, as Attorney General and later as Justice of the Supreme Court; J. Edgar Hoover, Ed Flynn, Leon Henderson; custodians of the public business and its confidence; ambassadors, hatchet-men and axe-grinders; lobbyists and fixers; grandiose ambulance-chasers cutting in on all manner of hysterical manipulations and deals with a Department of Justice rotting at the core and finally gone horrible—all these bowed and smirked their self-importance in the garish publicity of the night side.

Now that era is done. The day and night of the whisper to a guttersnipe with a pen and pencil by a public fiduciary is over.

In Washington and in the capitals of Europe when war has impended, the finality of doom often appears in the sky above the embassies as smoke comes up the chimneys from the burning codes and secret reports.

There are no practical fireplaces in the Department of Justice, the Treasury, the Interior, the State Department or national defense. Nevertheless, ere the next President can take office there will occur in Washington, D. C., the damndest conflagration since the British burned the scattered settlement of sway-backs on the bog in 1812.

Read Washbrook Pegler on your vacation. Call COrlandt 7-1212, Ext. 348, to order your vacation subscription of the Journal-American.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Glavin	
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SAC Carson called around Noon today advising that he had received several inquiries from Bureau contacts regarding the recent column by Westbrook Pegler wherein Pegler inferred that you might be removed by Governor Dewey should Dewey be elected President. Mr. Carson stated that several people had mentioned to him that they contemplated writing Pegler about the column and he was wondering what the Bureau's attitude would be on the matter. He stated that he personally felt there would be no harm done in writing to Pegler. I told him that I could certainly see no harm in anyone writing to Pegler who desired to do so. Carson further mentioned that one or two of his contacts had indicated that they intended to write to Governor Dewey about the matter and that he told them that they would have to use their own judgement in this regard.

I suggested to Mr. Carson that he discuss this entire matter with Mr. Nichols or Mr. McGuire who are more familiar with the matter than I am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director by Dewey

G. A. Nease

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

You have no doubt already noticed the article enclosed. It was by the infamous Westbrook (worstcrook) Pegler in the Knoxville Journal of this date.

Guy L. Smith, editor, publishes it under a verse of Scripture (Romans 14-13.) He was guilty of a bitter editorial day before yesterday, attacking the U. S. Supreme Court.

Thank Heaven, you are a man of too high caliber to even notice such writings. But I would like to have the delicious pleasure of punching this editor's (Guy Smith) nose, and also the exquisite pleasure of punching the nose of Worstcrook Pegler.

Your friend.

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover,

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir.

You have no doubt already noticed the article <sup>in</sup> ~~by~~ <sup>published</sup> ~~by~~ the Western Westbrook (Lordsbrook) Register in the Knoxville Journal of this date.

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...n put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall

(I suggest the day's quotation).

## J. Edgar Hoover Has Reaped, Too

Westbrook Pegler

FAIR ENOUGH?

PHILADELPHIA—At seven o'clock in the evening, as the music of the bands rose like flame, the pagan yearning of the Republicans in the streets and lobbies and the hot cells and abominable swills became a charge of barely suppressed jubilation. For sixteen years the lost tribe had been living on acorns and war contracts and the patronage of New York state and gradually more and more liberated provinces. Now, with a standing roster of more than a million federal jobs, a majestic total commanding their awe as partisans and their loathing as selfless patriots, the displaced politicians felt triumph in their hearts, and heard it in the massive whoops and cries of the brasses.



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It was a night of joy impending and if the men and women of Taft forgot their debt to Mr. Dewey for his heroic service in retrieving the Empire State that was an emotional error to be repented and forgiven in due course. They owed a certain surly gratitude to the late Roosevelt, too. For he had so vastly enlarged the function of the national government so long ago that even Republicans now regarded Social Security as a fundamental right of the common man, and the jobs with it. Only recently they had fought to expand it and increase the jobs. Even while they damned the spend-thrift who had never met a payroll, they also damned the heartlessness of an old-age dole which ignored gardeners and butlers. Roosevelt had set precedents now become customs which, however infamous his purpose at the time, could be revoked today only with delicate care lest the edifice of liberty collapse.

A worldly fellow, learned in the pepper-and-salt personalities of the fly-cops of the bureaus who haunt our great consistories, would have met many members of the minor gestapos in the big hotels and on the walks. City detectives came on from many places and, like doctors, reporters and ladies of

tion and association a Democratic eye that never slept and it would be juvenile to suppose that if, or, better say, when, Tom Dewey becomes president he would ever look this chance to reward one of his own. No other governor or other statesmen, indeed no inveterate cop in the United States knows as much about the sly profession of learning the other fellow's secrets as Mr. Dewey. As district attorney, working with a small staff, he out-schemed not only the nefarious cult of New Deal unioners and sent a dozen off to prison, but sometimes had to frustrate the city cops as well. And in one of his most trying adventures, he lost to Mr. Hoover the late Louis, or Lepke, Buchalter, who surrendered to the FBI in a juvenile cops-and-robbers drama in the dark and silent streets.

Mr. Hoover wanted Lepke for, as it were, spitting on the sidewalk, and when he got custody, sent him up. Meanwhile Mr. Dewey wanted him on a prior claim for murder first. The late Fiorello La Guardia was unpleasantly implicated as a political fixer for Sidney Hillman who was questioned in executive session but without a word on the record. La Guardia fixed that. The Roosevelt administration now sequestered Mr. Buchalter lest he squeal on Hillman's people in the murder case. The New Deal kept him out of Dewey's reach until it was too late to assemble the vital witnesses and corroborate the stories of those who could be found. Lepke finally went to the chair, for another murder, a cheap, routine job. He tried to save himself in the last days, by confessing the truth but he finally was told that it was too late to hope for a hanging verdict in the other case. He died brave. With expressions of respect he said he realized that Mr. Dewey, by now the governor, could not gamble on a conviction through his testimony as state's witness. And so, with the grace of a hero, he said goodbye that night and went.

During this time, Mr. Hoover frequented stylish and expensive saloons in the city of New York which are proscribed premises in the ethics of Mr. Dewey. He never has visited any of them and his most important subordinates are strangers at the plush

would have met many members of the minor gestapos in the big hotels and on the walks. City detectives came on from many places and, like doctors, reporters and ladies of the promenade, found occasion to talk shop. There were insurance investigators, lawyers' investigators and prosecutors' staff men from several Metropolitan jurisdictions. There were treasury fellows, fly-cops from the protective arms of the department stores and plant security men graduated, rusticated or retired from police departments. They were, as their trade phrase goes, engaged in no special duty but just mooching around, a casual chore involving sharp peeks behind the sand-pots and the opened doors in the great lobbies for wallets suavely lifted and swiftly ditched. They were, naturally, preponderantly Republican hawkshaws and the presence of so many eyes that never sleep inevitably provoked speculation about the future of John Edgar Hoover, the chief of the FBI.

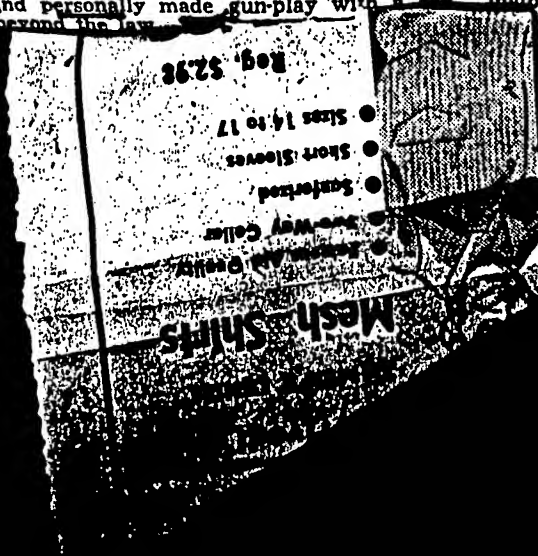
Now, undoubtedly Mr. Hoover has deserved well of his fellow citizens but he has received well of them, too, if it comes to that. He and his lithe, lean, clean-limbed corps of gymnasts with their collegiate ways broke up the kidnaping industry notwithstanding the fierce resistance of some of Harry S. Truman's friends in the Pendergast Purity League in Kansas City. Dillinger, Karpis, Bates and many another name once fearsome in the Middle-West became just memories and when a member of Congress mocked his courage, Mr. Hoover hopped over his desk with a triple somersault and a nip-up at the door, flew to New Orleans and personally made gun-play with a cad beyond the law.

the ethics of Mr. Dewey. He never has visited any of them and his most important subordinates are strangers at the plush ropes. Nor perfume, champagne, neckwear nor other souvenirs have they accepted during all the fabulous years of extravagance when the Stork and Twenty-One and El Morocco in New York were to the posturing personalities of the New Deal what the pump was to Bill Devery in an earlier day downtown. The Roosevelt boys, except perhaps Johnny; Johnny; Jim Farley, Frank Murphy, as attorney general and later as justice of the Supreme Court; J. Edgar Hoover, Ed Flynn, Leon Henderson, custodians of the public business and its confidence; ambassadors, hatchet-men and axe-grinders; lobbyist and fixers; grandiose ambulance-chasers cutting in on all manner of shysteresque manipulations and deals with a Department of Justice rotting at the core and finally gone horrible — all these bowed and smirked their self-importance in the garish publicity of the night side.

Now that era is done. The day and night of the whisper to a guttersnipe with a pen and pencil by a public fiduciary is over.

In Washington and in the capitols of Europe when war has impended, the finality of doom often appears in the sky above the embassies as smoke comes up the chimneys from the burning codes and secret reports.

There are no practical fireplaces in the Department of Justice, the Treasury, the Interior, the State Department or National Defense. Nevertheless ere the next president can take office there will occur in Washington, D. C., the damndest conflagration the British burned the scattered set on the bog in 1812.



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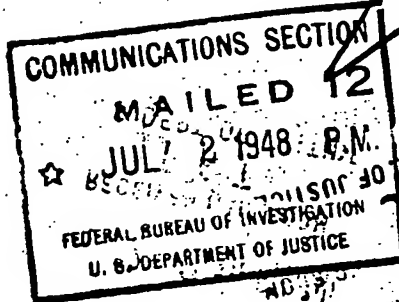
Your letter dated June 26, 1948, has been received and I want to thank you for sending me your views concerning the article which you enclosed. The thoughts prompting your communication are indeed appreciated.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
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- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
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Mr. Nichols:

SAC Murphy of Phoenix called at 4:45 P.M. today and advised that he has to be in Tucson, Arizona, tomorrow on official business, including a speech, interviewing several applicants, and other matters. <sup>8-1</sup> Westbrook Pegler has asked him to lunch at the Country Club at Tucson tomorrow and he plans to have lunch with Pegler. He wondered if there was anything you wanted him to discuss with Pegler when he saw him. *ni*

You can reach Murphy at Tucson 2-1321 from 9 to 10 A.M., Phoenix tomorrow.

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I told Murphy to be cautious in what he said.

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Phoenix, Arizona

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AIR MAIL  
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Mr. L. B. Nichols  
Assistant Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Nick:

Westbrook Pegler stopped in at the office on May 3 to pay his respects. He had recently been fishing on the Colorado River and touring the Grand Canyon. He mentioned having been to Las Vegas and intimated he was gathering material on crime conditions there.

During the conversation he mentioned his interest in the following individuals:

(1) [REDACTED] was an officer in the Arizona American Federation of Labor, and who allegedly has served time at [REDACTED] (PX indices negative) G.I.

(2) [REDACTED] the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, is subject of case entitled, [REDACTED] was, SM-C (Bufile [REDACTED]) and is on the Phoenix security index list.

No information was furnished to Pegler concerning either of these individuals. He made no specific request for information on either of them but the innuendo of his conversation was that he would appreciate being furnished with such information as could be made available to him. No statement was made to Pegler that we would or that we would not make any information available. He talked for about forty minutes and was most cordial.

There has been considerable information put out by the steel workers concerning [REDACTED] identification record and Communist Party activities, which have been used to offset [REDACTED] endeavors in behalf of the CIO whenever an election was held up to decide which union would represent the workers.

Hope Frank Holloman gave you the information on [REDACTED] with best wishes,

Sincerely,  
W. A. MURPHY, SAC  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

\_\_\_\_\_, 1951

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L. B. Nichols  
Room 5640, Ext. 691

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

510 South Spring Street, Room 900  
Los Angeles 13, California  
August 13, 1951

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

RE: [REDACTED] b-6

On August 13, 1951 [REDACTED] and not known to be working at this time, telephonically [REDACTED] informed me that he had received some disturbing news from [REDACTED] was waiting at his residence at that time to talk to me about it.

[REDACTED] was immediately contacted telephonically at his home and he informed me that on August 6 last, while en route to Pomona for a review of "Quo Vadis" in company with [REDACTED] of MGM studios [REDACTED] made the remark that he had been with you on the evening before, (which would be Sunday, August 5), and you had stated that there was one man you wanted "to get", and conversation disclosed that it was WESTBROOK PEGLER, and you reportedly remarked that you would like to hang something on him.

With reference to your attitude towards PEGLER, [REDACTED] allegedly remarked, "I guess he wants to join the club, too." Thereafter [REDACTED] discussed at length the article PEGLER had written against [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that his favorable feelings toward PEGLER were undoubtedly known by [REDACTED] probably knew them too but possibly forgot what [REDACTED] stand is, [REDACTED] feels that remarks attributed to you by [REDACTED] were, in all probability, never said but he wanted you to know about it inasmuch as it was obvious [REDACTED] accepted as truthful the statements of [REDACTED] Referring to [REDACTED] talkativeness he said that undoubtedly the story has been repeated around Hollywood

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many times. [REDACTED] ventured the opinion that if in any discussion with [REDACTED] you had expressed anything but admiration for PEGLER or any one of his articles; that mere reference would have been enough for [REDACTED] to take it and blow it into something like this.

I specifically informed [REDACTED] that I was positive no such statement had been made by you with reference to PEGLER or any other individual, either to [REDACTED] or any other person, and he could accept my statement as the truth.

Respectfully submitted,

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R. B. HOOD  
Special Agent in Charge

DIRECTOR'S NOTATION: "I only saw [REDACTED] at the Hollywood Race Track on a Sat. & merely exchanged greetings. At no time was Pegler's name mentioned by either. H."

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date Sept. 28 1951 Time 3:24PM

Mr. Westbrook Pegler, tele.

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS

When advised the Director was not here today Mr. Pegler asked to speak with Mr. Nichols and is presently talking to him.

3:38pm - Mr. Nichols just finished talking with Mr. Pegler; advises the conversation was quite long and he will prepare a memorandum for the Director immediately.

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Alden  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

DATE: September 28, 1951

By reference from the Director's Office, I talked to Westbrook Pegler who had just received a release from the American Federation of Labor quoting extensively from the article which the Director recently gave the AF of L magazine and which was widely quoted in the press.

Pegler stated in his opinion the AF of L is bad and they have a lot of crooks and what not in the organization. He stated he was just wondering if the Director had been sold a bill of goods.

I told him the Director knew pretty much what he was doing. I told him the fact of the matter remained that the AF of L had been fighting the Communists for a long, long period of time and the Director's article was designed to encourage the labor unions to continue to fight the Communists just as his, Pegler's, articles are intended to encourage labor unions to clean out the crooks. I pointed out that the Director in commending the AF of L was very specific in commending them on cleaning out the Communists, that it was a well-known fact that the Communists had been penetrating the AF of L as they had other unions for which the AF of L was entitled to some recognition.

Pegler calmed down and said he just hoped that the crooks didn't use this statement in order to further entrench themselves.

I told him if they read the full text I didn't see how this would be possible.

I will try to get a copy of the magazine and send it to Pegler with marked portions in due time.

*This should be done promptly. H.*  
Pegler inquired how the Director was and asked to have his regards given to him. He stated he had hurt his leg and had been laid up for some time but will be down in the near future and will come in to see us.

I don't think the guy could be anything other than a rascal if he tried.

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Mr. Westbrook Pegler  
c/o King Features Syndicate  
235 East 45th Street  
New York 17, New York

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Dear Peg:

With reference to our conversation the other day, I am enclosing a copy of the September, 1951, issue of the American Federationist wherein you will find the Director's article on Page 11 "Communism - Enemy of American Labor."

I was terribly sorry to hear of your accident and do hope that you will take care of yourself and really get back on your feet. The Director was sorry he was not in when you called and asked me to give you his regards and to give you a word of caution about not hurting the other leg.

We are looking forward to seeing you on the occasion of your next visit to Washington.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Dear Sir.

Is the enclosed article  
by Pegler, within the law?  
How much farther can he  
go before something is done  
to check him.

Sincerely

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**AS PEGLER SEES IT**

## **Despairs for U. S. After Europe Trip**

**BY WESTBROOK PEGLER**

After a long, hard tour of Europe I am pessimistic almost to absolute despair and my only comfort is rage against the rascals who betrayed my country into this terrible peril. I mean Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Harry Hopkins and the whole evil pack of palace guards and conspirators, the Communist proteges of Felix Frankfurter who secretly infested our government like disease-bearing lice, and the trifling, impudent mercenaries of the typical Democratic state, county and ward machines.

We won a war at the expense of many thousands of young men killed in the bloom of their youth. God alone can sum up the other sacrifices which our people made under the treacherous leadership of men and women who were not innocently mistaken but intentionally bad. Yet, at this moment, we find that rude, uncouth, ignorant man, as Bernard Baruch called Truman in a moment of unwonted courage which failed him, however, ere cock-crow, standing for election to a third presidential term on a record of disaster.

We find ourselves slaves to our own elected agents in Congress who, like the insipid, twittering party puppets of the British House of Commons, have killed the soul of representative popular government, preserving only a hollow-eyed corpse. In their arrogance, they voted themselves a tax-exempt \$2,500 raise in pay disguised as an expense allowance.

### **\$200,000 for Truman**

Truman himself, frankly pleading that he never had a chance to make a stake before, clings to a similar graft of \$200,000, free and clear, for the term which is about to expire.

In Rome, a few days ago, a typical State Department bureaucrat, Lloyd Free, the director of the blood-sucking U. S. Information Service for Italy, had the honesty to admit that the reason why he and his futile but expensive layout are there, fighting the Communists with leaflets and narrow-gauge movies, is that the political scoundrels and fools who followed behind our victorious troops deliberately handed over the victory to the Communists, who came out of the ruins claiming to have been brave "partisans" and "martyrs" under Fascism.

The truth is that the best people of Italy, including most of the patriots, and millions of the workers had been ardent Fascists. Whether we liked it or not, and it was none of our business, Fascism was the legitimate Italian form of government just as the republic is ours. But no. We had decided that Fascism must go. Many Fascists opposed the venture into war against the U. S. and the fatal alliance with Germany. These were the real Partisans of the underground. But, as Lloyd Free readily admitted, "after the war, the Communists rushed in to grab all the money, all the printing presses, all the public buildings and union headquarters in the country."

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## **Fight War of Repartee**

Now we are fighting a feeble, petty war of repartee through broadcasts to a people three-fifths of whom do not own radios. And down at Naples, Adm. Robert B. Carney, in command of a combined naval, military and air force which still is largely theoretical, is trying to reorganize a restraining cordon to keep at bay the enemy who owes his very existence to the late Roosevelt. This is a mighty enemy, strong in all the arms of war except perhaps naval, which might not be brought to bear, anyway.

By all account, he could lick us and all our friends in Europe were he to jump this very day. He is so strong in the air that he undoubtedly could blast New York to hell.

A man who once held a position of the highest prestige in Italy told me that he had pleaded with American and British political generals—as distinguished from the fighting generals—who followed on after our dead were buried, to put no trust in the Italian Communists. But they wouldn't listen. Roosevelt and his wife had said that Fascism was bad. Communism wasn't bad.

In France traitors come out claiming to have been bold, brave fighters in the "underground." Tens of thousands of French men and women were put to death impromptu on the accusations of such criminals. So today the French Communist party is a dagger poised between the shoulder blades of our 7th Army in Germany.

## **Kept Spain Out of War**

Spain, under Franco, had recognized the enemy and driven him out after a terrible civil war. For this blow to Roosevelt's friend, Stalin, Spain was insulted and persecuted. Yet, by a triumph of character and statesmanship, Franco kept her out of the World War that soon followed. And now, Truman would condescend to permit Spain to save us from the enemy that Spain defeated while Roosevelt smirked at the flagrant recruitment of the Communist Abraham Lincoln Brigade in New York to invade Spain and slaughter her patriotic sons.

The management of our armed forces and "missions" abroad is a disgrace of extravagance reaching back into the Department of Defense. Generals and admirals beholden for their stars to bureaucrats in Washington, and those bureaucrats without the courage to make hard decisions, have built up a luxurious and self-indulgent organization of unformed sojourners.

Mindful of their lollipops, their cut-rate groceries, their phonograph records and cameras, constantly computing their grotesque pay, allowances and "benefits," angrily protesting that war is no excuse to disrupt a warrior's domesticity, these various forces are sitting ducks whose 55,000 women and children could become hostages within a week to be ransomed only by the total calamity of American surrender to Soviet Russia.

*Read Westbrook Pegler Sunday in the Pictorial Review.*

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March 22, 1952

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated March 19, 1952, together with enclosures, has been received.

Your interest in making this material available is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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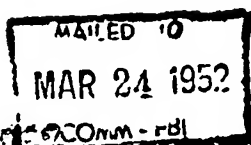
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Director

NOTE: Correspondent enclosed a Westbrook Pegler column in which Pegler castigates Roosevelt, Truman, Hopkins and Frankfurter.

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May 28 1952

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington [REDACTED] b6

Dear Sir:

Because you are a big and a busy man I <sup>Ever</sup> have long hesitated to write this letter but at <sup>last</sup> I feel that I must protest against Pegler's rantings.

Enclosed is one of his late columns from the paper we read, "Grand Forks Herald". His aim seems to be to stir up trouble, to urge people to refuse to regard the law of the land. True it is always in small things but he is constantly at it. This is exactly what we have been lead to believe that "good communists" try to do.

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This habit of leveling the accusation "Communist" at so many other people also troubles me - "He doth protest too much."

You are wiser than I so I leave it in your hands.

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Yours Sincerely,  
[REDACTED] b6

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# Westbrook Pegler

WE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED States have ceased to be masters of our government and have become subjects like the British people who unconsciously lost their vaunted authority and became mere counters in a system of government by party bosses. They are servants, serfs, to their house of commons, run by a handful of party men. The individual M.P.'s are nonentities. The British people have no right to their earnings, savings or property, however acquired, that the House of Commons is bound to respect. (The House of Lords, is meaningless so their parliament consists entirely of the aimless, frivolous, twittering House of Commons.) This is a farcical body controlled by the managing committees of the principal parties. But we Americans have no right to any portion of our earnings that Congress is obliged to respect. Absolutely no right whatever. We work for Congress and retain for ourselves only as much as Congress lets us. That is not representative government. It is slavery to a parliament.



squandered on slovenly construction work for the rear communications of the allied army extending all the way back to the French seaports. We should be paid for these permanent buildings, roads, airports and the like, but we can't even find a French bureaucrat competent to sign a contract. So we go ahead with the construction at our expense and our internal revenue will lock us up in Leavenworth if we fail to get the money up on the dot every month with no staples or creases in the return.

WE NEED A REVOLUTION AGAINST our elected Congress. Congress laid down the proposition that they and Harry S. Truman are too hard pressed for time to "account" for their tax-exempt expense allowances which are, by common consent, plain graft, whereas a citizeness with a crippled hand is a slave to be put to work innumerable hours by their arrogant decree. How so? We provide with unlimited clerical help, free. We are as busy as they are.

MILLIONS OF US CAN LOOK FORWARD to nothing more in the way of assured pension than the paltry fraud of old age pension under social security which is not a fund but a deficit. Eisenhower rates at least \$25,000 a year. The prospect for most of us is about \$65 a month. We will not get even this, however, if we continue to earn more than \$400 a year by work. If we get \$50,000 a year from investments our pension rights are not affected. But we must not earn more than \$400 a year, or \$1.15 a day, by work. Work is reprehensible.

But congressmen and senators, thousands of old judges, all kinds of useless parasites in the bureaucracies of federal, state and inferior administrations; short-enlistment soldiers and sailors; state department study-burns, firemen, cops, professors and school-ma'ams, actually millions of them, are compiling pension rights which mount up to literally billions of dollars of debts upon our people. These are a first lien on the earnings of the faceless masses who comprise the American nation. Billions and billions must be set aside in non-risky, almost sterile funds to guarantee these pensions forever and a day at rates from \$3,600 to \$25,000 a year. And the "services" of all these people are all absolutely parasitic. They produce no wealth. They consume wealth that we workers produce. Yet they are our masters.

WE ARE MERE EARNERS FOR OUR Congress and the bureaucracies of the federal, state, county and local governments. These predatory groups cooperate together against us. The federal government robs us of our earnings but dribbles some of the money back to party agents in the state capitals to be spent on various "social services" to keep ignorant and dependant people docile. Hundreds of thousands of lazy, sedentary, useless clerks and catch-polls get life jobs in this system.

Congress and our bureaucracies treat us with contempt. Congress enacts more and more devouring revenue acts and gives the bureaucrats of the corrupt internal revenue the power to write "regulations" having the force of law. These knaves impose actual labors on us that many of us simply cannot perform. In a recent innovation, they decided that we must make certain returns every 30 days instead of every 3 months. I will continue to make returns every three months. The accompanying imperative tells me not to punch any metal staples into the official form. I am ordered also not to fold it. I take it that if I do staple and fold the return some awful punishment will befall me. I will load the next return with a pound of staples and fold it many times. I want to see what happens.

NOT ONLY APE THE TAXES SO

*Small things but they could be treasonable*

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 28, 1952, with enclosure, has been received.

I sincerely appreciate the courtesy and interest which prompted you to make this material available.

Sincerely yours,

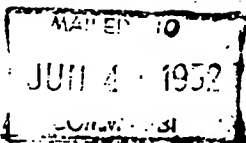
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Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Lou:

I promised you this some time  
ago. This fellow is worth watching.

*Ban Baker*  
*Walt*  
*gry*

Sincerely

*Westbrook Pegler*

Mr. Louis B. Nichols  
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b-6 [REDACTED]  
Phone [REDACTED]

August 2, 1952

Re: Samuel J. Novick

Mr. Westbrook Pegler  
c/o King Features Syndicate  
New York, N. Y.

Dear sir:

Am submitting the enclosure for your files. Wrote  
you previously on March 4, 1949.

For the past year or more Novick's firm "Concord Radio  
Corp." has been out of business, there being considerable  
litigation between his former manager here and "Novick"  
as to commissions due the former.

"Novick" has again changed the name of the firm in  
contemplation of his starting again here.

Yours very truly,  
b-6 [REDACTED]

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P.S. Was "Novick" ever tried for his false swearing  
before the Congressional Committee, on which  
you reported a few years back?

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**APPLICATION FOR AND ORDER  
GRANTING CHANGE OF NAME**

STATE OF GEORGIA—County of Fulton.  
To the Honorable Superior Court of said  
County:

The petition of CONCORD RADIO COR-  
PORATION respectfully shows as follows,  
to-wit:

1. That the petitioner was heretofore  
incorporated under the name WHOLESALE  
RADIO SERVICE CO. INC. by order of the  
Superior Court of said State and County,  
on the 29th day of August, 1934.

2. That the charter of petitioner was  
heretofore, and on the 29th day of August,  
1939, amended so as to change its corpo-  
rate name from WHOLESALE RADIO  
SERVICE CO. INC. to RADIO WIRE TELE-  
VISION INC. OF GEORGIA.

3. That the charter of petitioner was  
heretofore, and on the 24th day of April,  
1942, amended so as to change its corpo-  
rate name from RADIO WIRE TELEVIS-  
ION INC. OF GEORGIA to LAFAYETTE  
RADIO CORPORATION.

4. That the charter of petitioner was  
heretofore, and on the 18th day of Septem-  
ber, 1944, amended so as to change its cor-  
porate name from LAFAYETTE RADIO  
CORPORATION to CONCORD RADIO  
CORPORATION.

5. That petitioner now desires that its  
charter be amended so as to change its  
corporate name to WHOLESALE ELEC-  
TRONIC CORPORATION.

6. That at a special meeting of the  
stockholders duly held, in accordance with  
the statute in such cases provided, on the  
23rd day of June, 1952, all the stockholders,  
entitled to vote thereon, adopted a resolu-  
tion to change the name of the corpora-  
tion from CONCORD RADIO CORPORA-  
TION to WHOLESALE ELECTRONIC CORPORA-  
TION, and that the charter be  
amended accordingly, and attached hereto  
marked "I. X. A." is a true copy of such  
resolution certified by the Assistant Secre-  
tary of the said corporation.

7. Wherefore, petitioner prays an order  
that its charter be amended and its cor-  
porate name changed to WHOLESALE  
ELECTRONIC CORPORATION.

CONCORD RADIO CORPORATION,

By Samuel J. Novick, President.

W. L. BRYAN,

Attorney for Petitioner,

1318 Wm. - Oliver Bldg.

"I. X. A."

EVA N. McNIVEN, Assistant Secretary of  
CONCORD RADIO CORPORATION, a  
Georgia corporation, does hereby certify  
that the following is a true and correct  
copy of certain resolutions adopted at a  
duly constituted meeting held at the office  
of W. L. BRYAN, ESQ., William - Oliver  
Building, Atlanta, Georgia, on the 23rd  
day of June, 1952, at which meeting all of  
the stockholders entitled to vote voted in  
favor of the same:

"Upon motion duly made and seconded,  
it was

"RESOLVED: That the name of this  
corporation be changed from CONCORD  
RADIO CORPORATION to WHOLESALE  
ELECTRONIC CORPORATION, and that  
the charter be amended accordingly.

"It was

"FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Di-  
rectors and officers of this corporation  
shall cause a petition to be filed with the  
proper authorities of the State of Georgia  
to effect such change of name, and  
amendment of charter, and to do such  
other things as may be necessary or ad-  
visable to reflect this change of name.

EVA N. McNIVEN,

Assistant Secretary of Concord  
Radio Corporation.

(Corporate Seal)

**ORDER**

The foregoing petition of CONCORD  
RADIO CORPORATION for change in its  
name considered, allowed and ordered filed.  
It is considered upon examination of said  
petition and certificate of Secretary of the  
State of Georgia, attached thereto, that  
said application is within the purview and  
intention of the laws of this State, and  
that the proposed name of said corpora-  
tion is not the name of any other existing  
corporation listed with the Secretary of  
State of Georgia;

It is hereby ordered that the prayers of  
petitioner be and the same are hereby

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October 2, 1952

Mr. Westbrook Pegler  
King Features Syndicate  
235 East 45th Street  
New York 17, New York

*"Peg" Pegler*  
*over 1811*

Dear "Peg":

Thanks for your letter of the 23rd enclosing the  
material on your friend. He is now back in New York and resides  
at [REDACTED]

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

L. B. Nichols

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. TOLSON

WESTBROOK PEGLER

In connection with the report that Pegler told [REDACTED] the FBI was a bunch of phonies, I wish to advise that [REDACTED] talked to Pegler on the phone Sunday and subsequently called me.

Pegler told [REDACTED] that he never made any such statement about the FBI; that he has nothing but the highest respect for the FBI and in the past several years has had nothing but the friendliest of relations with the FBI; that he did say to [REDACTED] that the FBI gets information but cannot take action as this must be taken by other authorities; that this was a factual statement and was not intended to be critical of the FBI in any way or sense. Pegler stated that if [REDACTED] was peddling such a story he was just a plain "damn liar." [REDACTED] stated he thought this was as the situation would turn out; that Pegler seemed to be a little bit concerned about this and asked [REDACTED] to call me to be certain that we knew what the situation was should the story reach us. [REDACTED] stated that he believed Pegler and he would find it very difficult indeed to believe [REDACTED] on anything.

Pegler is still burned up over [REDACTED]. He tried to bring [REDACTED] into his articles but [REDACTED] has ducked him for several days.

In the course of the conversation, [REDACTED] stated that there has been a lot of feuding going on in the Hearst organization; that Dick Berlin was trying to maneuver Bill Hearst into being appointed as Ambassador to Mexico in order to get him off the paper. Even if the job were offered to him, Bill Hearst would not take it.

DC. Also in passing, [REDACTED] mentioned that the reason [REDACTED] applied for a position in [REDACTED] was the fact that he had used an apartment which [REDACTED] had [REDACTED] to entertain outside the marital status; that he knows this to be a fact because on one occasion he bearded [REDACTED] with it and [REDACTED] admitted that to seek an Ambassadorship did seem to be the best thing to do.

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# FAIR ENOUGH

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During my interview with Carlotta Offie, a past member of the world system of espionage, cliques and conspiracies operated by our government in cahoots with the AFL, another man sat by as Offie's friend, putting in explanatory comments. He had had long experience in the State department but finally had gotten out, convinced that the department was no place for an aggressive anti-Communist. The subject of my mission was not Offie's arrest in 1943 on a charge of a homosexual offense but the State department's cynical resort to the American Federation of Labor as an "instrument" of intrigue and cold warfare in France, Italy, Greece and other "friendly" nations.



Westbrook Pegler

I must interrupt myself to say that Offie says he was framed, being slugged by four or five men and thrown into a cell, when he went to a corner of Lafayette park, across from the White House, to keep a rendezvous in compliance with an official order of the State department. He abandoned his \$25 bond without defending himself.

He said neither he nor his lawyer saw the police charge at the time altho his lawyer did read it later. I asked him "Do you want to see it now?" for I had the record in my hand. Offie said "No." The friend at Offie's side has held the rank of minister and seemed thoroly versed in the system of intrigue which our State department and, latterly, the central intelligence agency, have borrowed from the old world. He said that, of course, it was very immoral of us to violate the sovereignty of friendly nations in order to wage our politico-military and economic cold

war against Soviet Russia. But it was necessary nevertheless. He said the Soviet propaganda was making use of my disclosures to discredit the United States.

Here was the proposition:

The Roosevelt administration had been imbued with a faith in communism as a messianic force which would dominate the world. Therefore anti-Communists were severely persecuted. Offie was a protegee of William C. Bullitt, our first ambassador to Soviet Russia, who broke with Roosevelt when he, Bullitt, became disillusioned and begged Roosevelt to get next to himself.

"I was one of the few who got nailed and suffered for fighting them," he said.

The friend at Offie's side went on:

The governments of these friendly countries were not too strong and it was obviously in our interest to move in and keep their native Communists off balance and prevent their seizing control thru the political "labor" movement. The obvious way was to muscle into their unions, which are all Socialist political organizations to say the best of them. To be sure this was not the honorable thing to do. After all, we had complained bitterly about the intervention of the Moscow Communists in our internal affairs, mainly through the unions of the CIO.

Now we were doing that very thing in many other nations. It was immoral but it was practical and we figured that the AFL would be the best force at our disposal because it was a "labor" organization. Furthermore, the AFL was politically ambitious, it had almost unlimited money subject to no accounting, and it was not inhibited by ethics or morals.

Thus far, we had given the AFL about \$3,000,000 of the American taxpayers' money to spend secretly for intrigue in Europe and the Orient. This money was passed without re-

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ceipts, book records, or accounting.

"Why," I exclaimed, "this is absolutely crazy. I wouldn't trust anybody in the AFL with \$5 on that basis. It is a holding company for the damndest gang of racketeers in the country and yet we hand it \$3,000,000 of our money!"

Nevertheless, something had to be done and the AFL, he said, seemed the obvious "instrument." By the way, altho the CIO has tried to horn into the conspiracy, using Victor Reuther as its European "ambassador," it seems to have been muscled aside by the AFL crowd.

Well, to proceed:

Carmel Offie had become well acquainted with Irving Brown in Europe about 1946, Brown being, as you may recall, the AFL's "ambassador" in these foreign plots. So, when the CIO wanted to plant an "adviser" in the AFL, Offie was selected, and the AFL put him on its pay roll in May, 1950.

I interrupted to ask pointedly just how the money was transmitted. There must be check stubs or book entries somewhere. Was it given to George Meaney, Matt Woll, and/or Dave Dubinsky in currency or in checks?

Offie simply would not answer.

His friend said, "Didn't you ever hear of the use of unvouchered funds in the government?"

I had. Roosevelt, for example, had millions to do with as he pleased and Congressman John Taber, of New York, a cold-eyed skeptic with no religious faith in Roosevelt's honesty with money, had been unable to learn how many millions much less what he did with it. The figure seemed to be around \$25,000,000.

Offie said the AFL had spent a good deal of its own money but again he would not say how much. His friend shrugged when I pointed out that the AFL had absolutely no right to do

this with money taken from American working men and women to support their unions solely as "bargaining agents." Maybe this was no proper function of unions.

But such was the case just the same. Offie said the confederation of free trade unions, the flimsy front rigged up by Irving Brown under the direct command of Jay Lovestone and Dubinsky, had "a lousy measly budget of only \$120,000 a year." On the other hand, he put in brightly, Dubinsky had "absolutely freedom to use the money of his garment workers" whose treasury of millions lie absolutely under his hand.

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# FAIR ENOUGH

By Westbrook Pegler

[Editor's Note: Westbrook Pegler is leaving on Friday, March 27, on his annual vacation. He will resume with the column for Monday, April 27.]

The Sidney Hillman Foundation, Inc., recently announced that William O. Douglas, associate justice of the Supreme court, had been selected to receive its annual "Award for Meritorious Public Service."

The amount of this "award" is \$1,000 and it has the legal status of a tax-exempt gift of money under the official interpretation of the internal revenue. My authority is a letter from the late Elmer Irey, the co-ordinator of Treasury intelligence units. The occasion was a request for guidance in regard to a check for \$1,000 which I had received as a Pulitzer award in journalism. Irey said the problem was a new one on him, so he had obtained a ruling.



Westbrook Pegler

I wrote to Justice Douglas asking whether he had accepted this gift of money from an organization (which is aggressively political) but received no answer. Neither did he answer a request for a statement as to whether he had received pay from Look magazine for an article about his travels in the Far East and, if so, how much. The editor of Look did answer a letter of similar import. His answer was "yes." However, the editor declined to tell me the amount paid Douglas for this extracurricular commercial activity with a company which might come before the court in a lawsuit involving its financial interests or other important interests.

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Douglas gets \$25,000 a year from the government. He also gets other income, as the editor of Look tells us. To a man with that much income a tax-free tip of \$1,000 would be equal to almost \$2,000 of taxable income. It is not necessary to labor the fact that this was substantial income or the propriety of the foundation's conduct in giving cash to a justice of the Supreme court. Clever and learned as he is in the law and other pertinent lines of thought, Justice Douglas may reasonably be thought to have weighed these considerations, including the propriety of his own conduct, and to have resolved them in his own favor.

The Sidney Hillman Foundation, Inc. exists in honor of a pro-Soviet native of the Iron Curtain area who founded the Amalgamated Clothing Workers in 1914. He reigned as president-dictator until he died in 1946. Its convention in Chicago, in 1922, with Hillman in the chair, opened with the singing of the anthem, or war cry, of world communism entitled "The Internationale." Hillman

then read a message of greeting from William Z. Foster, one of the leaders of the American Communist party, and the convention decided to organize a big corporation to help Soviet Russia build up a clothing industry. This was done at the time when the government of the United States, which had given Hillman asylum from the czarist laws and punishments, was maintaining its refusal to "recognize" Soviet Russia.

It never was officially established that Hillman was a member of the Communist party, but his most devoted disciples would not deny that he was a great friend of Soviet Russia and knew exactly what Russia's attitude was toward the government of the United States and the co-existence of capitalistic nations and Soviet Russia. That attitude was implacable hostility. Hillman was a powerful political accomplice of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Arthur Krock's historic newspaper story that Roosevelt in 1944 said "Clear it with Sidney" has been widely accepted as fact. If this is true, it means that Hillman dictated the nomination of Harry Truman for Vice President that year and thus fatefully chose the man who represented the United States in the Potsdam surrender to Russia.

Hillman organized the Political Action committee of the CIO in collusion with notorious Communists, including John Abt, who was general counsel of the P.A.C. and Leon Pressman, who was general counsel of the CIO itself. Pressman later confessed that he had been a party member and said Abt was a member of the same cell within our government in Washington.

Douglas is noted for his ready resort to language which has been described as Elizabethan, a trait which brought him a polite but pointed reproof from the chairman of a merry-making society of the Gridiron type in Washington. Invited to membership, Douglas made a speech so lusty that the chairman put him on probation, tho he finally was admitted.

A few years ago, Douglas went to the annual convention of the CIO in Seattle and made a speech which provoked speculations as to his availability as a candidate for President with the endorsement and financial support of the CIO. I interviewed Douglas in his chambers soon afterwards. He insisted that he had done no wrong. He said he had the same right as any other citizen-taxpayer to take sides in public matters. The CIO is a litigious political group, but Justice Douglas did not concede that this fact should have obliged him to keep aloof. Others had questioned the propriety of his conduct.

The brochure of the Sidney Hillman Foundation says Douglas was thus "honored" as a world spokesman for freedom and economic justice and for his unwavering support of individual liberties.

The brochure boasts that the late Prof. Harold Laski, of the London School of Economics, gave a series of lectures for the "Foundation." It does not mention the fact that Laski was legally adjudged a Communist by a jury in England nor the fact that the New York Times, which regards him as a great man, openly spoke of him as an apologist for communism.

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Dear Lou

I enclose a signed, filthy letter, with an address. I have a woman secretary who reads my mail and read this. Jim Farley, when he was PMG, told me nobody had to stand for such nastiness and I believe this letter violates a criminal provision.

I submit it to you.

The Trohans are here and Walt is really absorbing the silence and other beauties of the desert.

All the best - Sincerely

/s/ Peg

PS: I fly to NY abt June 15

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Mr. Westbrook Pegler

In acknowledgement to "your column" George Spelvin "american" appearing in the May 24, 1953 edition of the Sunday Pictorial Review I would like to ask you a few questions. Who the hell do you think you are? You ingratful bastard. If it wasn't for the so called dumb bum soliders who fought and are still fighting to preserve the liberties & the rights of the american People, you'd be in a slave camp in Siberia. For your information Woodrow Wilson didn't get us into World War I. The Germans did with their unrestricted warfare. If Wilson didn't do what he did, america would lose the self-esteem that the world has for it. Germany was violating international law, and our own freedoms by confiscating "our mail" as counterband. If we didn't stop the Germans from taking over France, all of Europe and the U.S.A. would be next to be taken over by Germany You poor misinformed ass! Sure some of the soldiers that fought in the wars to preserve america weren't geniuses, but many of them such as officers, engineers, and military observers were plenty smart and showed that they were so, by winning battles and wars. Now a days if you don't have a college education you can't sweep the floors in the subway station. We try to raise the men who fought for us way above this level by giving them a good education, but since you never got an education, or you wouldn't write the pro-communist, pro-facist, and condemn the american way of life the way you do in those phoney "George Spelvin american" articles, which aren't fit to wipe a dog's ass with. If you think your column represents the american opinion read  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the letters which are sent to you. Your lousy column merely represents you, a person who is radical in his misliking for the american people and the american government. And as you would say to the dissillusioned publisher, which in this case is yourself "I dare you to print this

Signed

/s/ [REDACTED] American!

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: May 8, 1953

TO : The Director

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: BRIGADIER GENERAL PHILIP R. FAYMONVILLE

SYNOPSIS:

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RECOMMENDATION:

None. This is for your information. Liaison will follow this matter closely.

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Memorandum for The Director, 5/8/53  
Re: Brigadier General Philip R. Faymonville

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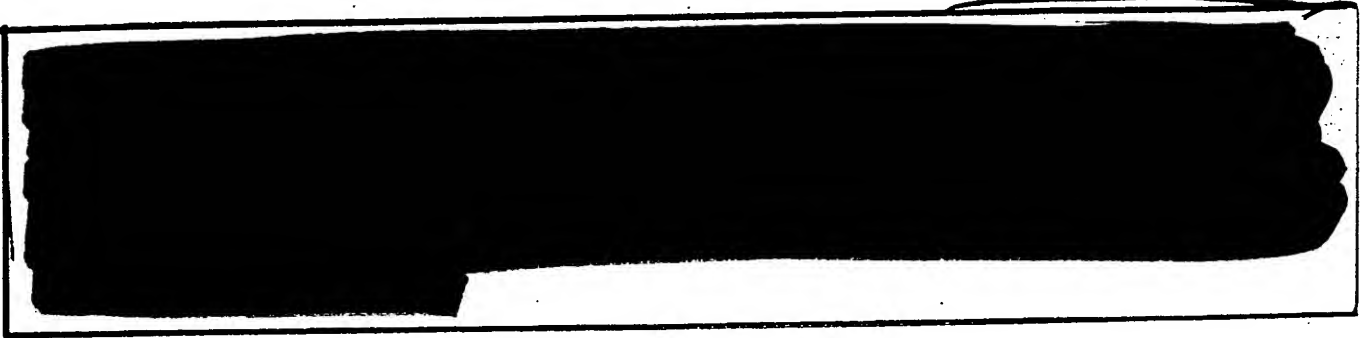
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Memorandum for The Director, 5/8/53  
Re: Brigadier General Philip R. Faymonville

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: June 11, 1953

FROM : Mr. Rosen

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SUBJECT:WESTBROOK PEGLER - VICTIM  
INFORMATION CONCERNING - EXTORTION

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Westbrook Pegler, columnist for King Features Syndicate, by letter dated May 28, 1953, to Mr. Nichols, forwarded a "signed filthy letter with an address." Mr. Pegler indicated that he believed this letter violated a criminal statute and accordingly submitted it to the Bureau. The letter which was enclosed is signed [REDACTED] "American" and has the penciled notation of his address of [REDACTED]. This letter contains no threats but refers to Mr. Pegler in obscene terms. In view of the lack of threats, it is suggested that this letter be forwarded to the postal authorities for handling. Based on the information available, no record was located in the Bureau indices for [REDACTED].

ACTION:

*Rec'd* A letter of acknowledgement is attached for Mr. Westbrook Pegler and a letter referring the incoming enclosure to the Post Office Inspector, Washington 25, D. C.

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Date: June 12, 1953

To: Mr. David H. Stephens  
Chief Post Office Inspector  
Post Office Department  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Subject: [REDACTED] Ariz  
WESTBROOK PEGLER - VICTIM  
INFORMATION CONCERNING - EXTORTION

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Attached hereto is an original letter addressed to Mr. Westbrook Pegler and signed [REDACTED]. In view of the obscenities contained in the letter, it is forwarded to you for appropriate action. Mr. Pegler has been advised of this referral.

For your information, Mr. Pegler indicated that he is presently residing at Route 6, Box 579, Tucson, Arizona, but after the fifteenth of June he expected to return to 235 East 45th Street, New York 17, N. Y., where he could be contacted in care of the King Features Syndicate.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: July 10, 1953

FROM : *L. B. Nichols*

**SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER**

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Westbrook Pegler came in to see me on July 7th. He was in town to testify in connection with the libel suit brought by Drew Pearson against Pegler and others. Pegler was pretty cocky about his performance and stated that he gave Pearson and his attorneys a bad time; that he called "Drewsey" a liar to his face and told him that he would not back down, he would not lay off and he would continue calling "Drewsey" a liar. He then stated that <sup>the</sup> suit brought against him by Quentin Reynolds will come up this Fall; that Quentin was very foolish to sue him because he has counter charges against Reynolds and that he is going to get Reynolds over a cracker barrel. You will recall that [REDACTED] said he had Pegler in a corner and was going to collect a half-million dollars from him.

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6 I frankly think that all of these people have somewhat of a latent exhibitionist trait which gives them a lot of satisfaction by appearing in these libel suits and public controversies.

Pegler was telling me how good he was at cross-examination. At this point we got on Max Lowenthal. I told Pegler it was too bad that a man of his school could not have cross-examined Lowenthal at the time Lowenthal was before the Senate Internal Security Committee. Pegler went off on Lowenthal and his principal beef against Lowenthal was Lowenthal's tie-up with Arthur Goldsmith. He also stated that he had always felt highly of Bert Wheeler, but he is now beginning to feel that Bert Wheeler is a prisoner, otherwise he would not be representing people like Lowenthal; [REDACTED] and this might be the reason. This, of course, is the [REDACTED] theory. He has the Executive Session testimony on Lowenthal which has been given to him by Senator Welker. He was taking Welker to task for the way Welker let Wheeler soft soap the committee. I told Pegler that since he was feeling in pretty good shape, why didn't he give some thought to going up to New Milford and bearding Lowenthal. Pegler stated that this was an excellent idea and that he would review the testimony and Lowenthal would never get away with answers with him like he did with the Internal Security Committee. I think Pegler is stirred up enough to do this.

He was very friendly. I cannot figure out why he came by unless it was merely to say hello as there was nothing specific that he inquired about. He inquired about the Director and asked that his regards be given to the Director. I told him I would be glad to pass these along.

cc - Mr. Ladd

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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson

RE: WESTBROOK PEGLER

I then took occasion to take him to task for being a sucker and for letting some of the O'Dwyer crowd in New York plant material on him which he used in his column defending the New York City Police Department on Civil Rights matters. He insisted that nobody planted that on him and he has always had a deep feeling there is too much Federal interference; that he certainly didn't mean to be critical of the Bureau. He understands we have a duty to do, but also he thinks that if the end of a night stick was used a little more frequently by police officers on "pimps, faries and labor racketeers" that this might have a much greater effect than the dilatory tactics of taking them before Judges and having them turned loose. I continued to chide him on how he carried the ball for his friend McInerney, Monaghan and the others. I then told him the full story. He stated that he never imagined it was like that; that he should have checked with me first and that in the future he would not go off the deep end as he did on this one.

The visit was very pleasant. As I say, I am still at a loss to find any specific reason which would account for his visit.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: July 15, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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Belmont ✓  
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Glavin ✓  
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Winterrowd ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Holloman ✓  
 Sizoo ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

Westbrook Pegler telephoned from New York to say that he had received a letter from a correspondent from Nogales Sonora, Mexico, whom he did not identify. Mr. Pegler said this correspondent informed him that he had previously written Mr. Pegler to give him some information about two thousand pounds of opium which are located somewhere on the Sonora side of the Mexican border. Pegler has no recollection of any prior correspondence from this individual.

The correspondent continued that according to his, the correspondent's, information, a sample of the two thousand pounds of opium was taken across the border and tested in a Customs Service laboratory in Arizona. The correspondent then charges that the Customs people who were to seize the opium were suddenly transferred. The correspondence mentions one [REDACTED] as a Customs man transferred from Arizona to New Orleans.

Mr. Pegler said this looked to him like something with the makings of a good story and he wondered if he could send the letter down and get any information on it. G. I. R.

Crosby told Mr. Pegler that we do not have anything to do with narcotics and that on the face of it, it appears to be a matter which we would refer rather than handle ourselves. Mr. Pegler stated he was reluctant to refer it to Narcotics or Customs in New York and would infinitely prefer to send the matter to me and hoped he would hear from me as to what I did with it in the future. He said in any event, he was forwarding the letter to me.

ACTION: When the letter is received from Mr. Pegler, an appropriate recommendation will be made.

cc: Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Rosen

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

P. O. Box 1277  
Cincinnati 1, Ohio  
August 21, 1953

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gearty \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Since the Governors' attack on the FBI's investigation of Civil Rights cases involving police departments, I have noticed two columns written by Westbrook Pegler attacking us along the same lines.

While I am not as yet as well acquainted with the editors of the papers in this area as I would like to be, I feel I know some of them well enough that I could discuss this matter with them.

In the event you feel it desirable, and have formulated any reply or rebuttal to the charges made by the Governors, I would appreciate having same, in order that I might discuss this matter with the editors along the lines desired by the Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

*H. G. Foster*

H. G. FOSTER  
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Ladd, 5736	
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L. B. Nichols  
Room 5640, Ext. 691

August 25, 1953

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Mr. H. G. Foster  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Post Office Box 1277  
Cincinnati 1, Ohio

Dear Mr. Foster:

I appreciated your thoughtfulness in writing me as you did on August 21, 1953, regarding the current situation growing out of the attack on the Bureau at the Governors' Conference and the Westbrook Pegler columns dealing with civil rights.

I think that at every opportunity our officials have, they should point out that our investigation in civil rights matters is carried out at the direction of the Department which sets the policy and that we are merely doing our duty.

No doubt, by this time you have received my letter of August 20, 1953, to former Dean Clarence Manion, wherein I dealt with this at some length. I think it would be well for you to try to visit South Bend within the next week or so at a time when you will know that Dean Manion is in town and drop by to see him.

Sincerely yours,

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *V.m.*

DATE: August 21, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols *LN*SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER  
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I advised SAC Boardman of New York, in line with the Director's instructions, to make no comment on the Pegler article, and if he had any questions from the Police Department, he should stay aloof and not enter into any discussion.

cc: Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Rosen

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## Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER

DATE: August 21, 1953

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[redacted] has gotten very much exercised over the Pegler articles. He tried to call Pegler on August 20, but Pegler was out and he talked to Pegler's wife. His wife indicated that several members of the New York Police Department had been calling Pegler and told him I was a wonderful friend of Rothengast and indicated that Pegler had been talking to Rothengast.

Later on, [redacted] talked to Pegler and told Pegler that [redacted] was surprised that Pegler was playing the Commie game; that the Bureau has been criticized on Civil Rights cases for not handling them by the Communists and now he is giving ammunition to these people. Apparently, [redacted] took Pegler to task because Pegler told him he was going to write a third article but would not now write the third article.

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[redacted] told him that "those guys," meaning the FBI, "are our friends and we've got to help them rather than throw brickbats at them."

Pegler stated that he regarded the Bureau as a friend of his; that he did not intend the article to be critical of the Bureau but was being critical of the policy. [redacted] took him to task for this and Pegler stated that he would try to figure out some basis of contacting me and telling me personally that he meant nothing against the FBI but was really aiming his shots at the Department of Justice policy.

Pegler told [redacted] that of course he couldn't tell me but he had been talking to [redacted] and that the reason he couldn't tell me that he had been talking to [redacted] was that [redacted] asked him not to divulge his name.

[redacted] stated that at times he just can't figure Pegler out; that Pegler insisted time and time again in the conversation that he meant nothing personal against the FBI and did not mean to criticize the FBI but was criticizing policy. He stated he would like to make amends.

cc: Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Rosen

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols  
Re: WESTBROOK PEGLER

[REDACTED] took Pegler to task about coming over some months ago and discussing this matters. Pegler simply could not answer this.

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

CITY OF MILWAUKEE

Police Headquarter  
Safety Building  
Milwaukee, 3 Wisconsin

John W. Polcyn, Chief

August 18, 1953

Mr. L.B. Nichols,  
Assistant to the Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

Picked up the morning paper and read the enclosed editorial by Westbrook Pegler and it made me angry.

If the FBI is ignoring the New York Police Department, they have a good reason to do so. You, no doubt, have seen the article by this time, but I want you to also know that there are men in this nation that admire and respect Mr. Hoover and the FBI and I am one of them. There isn't a finer group of law enforcement men in the world and if they are feuding with the New York Police, they have a good reason to do so.

Publicity of this kind will do no good and guys like Pegler should be stopped. I hope Mr. Hoover answers him. He mentions the FBI has plenty to do without messing in the crap-shooting cases in big cities and sniffing the kettles in the kitchens of lunatic asylums. I should think that Westbrook Pegler would have enough to do without "sniffing and messing" in the business of the New York Police Department and the FBI.

Yours very truly,

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: August 26, 1953

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER  
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SYNOPSIS:

Syndicated article of Westbrook Pegler's for 8-20-53, states Bureau has let itself be drawn into civil rights mess through a mistaken obedience to the political agitation which was maintained by the Roosevelt and Truman administrations. Alleges Bureau interfered in local matters in New York, Chicago, and Miami but ignored violence in Elizabeth, Louisiana. States Bureau has same jurisdiction in Louisiana labor difficulties as it had in the shooting of the Reuther brothers in Detroit and had more reason to investigate the Louisiana situation than it did in either the Reuther or the Miami bombings. New York situation mentioned by Pegler presumably refers to incidents brought about by Police Commissioner Monaghan of the New York City Police Department.

Bureau conducted no investigation of shootings of Walter and Victor Reuther. Facilities of Laboratory extended to local authorities Attorney General by memorandum dated 12-21-49, ordered investigation of attempted bombing of CIO-UAW headquarters in Detroit, Michigan, on 12-20-49. Lengthy investigation conducted and by memorandum dated 5-14-52, Department suggested no further investigation be conducted unless new information developed reflecting a Federal violation.

Investigation of Miami bombing ordered by Attorney General by memorandum dated 12-28-51, at which time it was requested that efforts be made to determine those responsible and that the question of jurisdiction would be resolved thereafter.

Chicago case mentioned by Pegler is matter entitled [redacted] et al; [redacted] Victim, Civil Rights. [redacted] Victim allegedly mistreated subsequent to being arrested by subjects for improper driving. Full investigation initiated 7-1-52, in line with Department instruction of 12-21-51, for Bureau to henceforth conduct complete investigations of all such complaints. United States Attorney recommended presenting to Federal Grand Jury and Department by memorandum dated 11-21-52, authorized same. Subjects indicted 1-13-53.

Investigation entitled "Unknown Subjects; Dynamiting Rail-

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road Bridge, Santa Fe Branch Line, Six Miles North Elizabeth, Louisiana, December 21, 1952 - Federal Train Wreck Statute" conducted by New Orleans Office. This matter identical with the incident mentioned by Pegler as occurring in Elizabeth, Louisiana. A bridge on the branch line of the Santa Fe Railroad running between Elizabeth, Louisiana, and the main line was dynamited on December 21, 1952, resulting in partial destruction of the bridge with damages amounting to approximately \$1500. The Department advised and a full investigation requested by its memorandum dated January 13, 1953, which was completed by New Orleans report dated April 22, 1953. Investigation failed to develop perpetrators of dynamiting; however, facts developed indicate a possible tie-in with activities of union pickets in that area.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is suggested that this memorandum be directed to the Records and Communications Division for the attention of Assistant to the Director Nichols in view of the erroneous statements made by Pegler.

Detailed memoranda are being prepared with respect to all cases mentioned in this summary memorandum.

#### DETAILS:

In a syndicated article which appeared in the August 20, 1953, issue of the Washington "Times Herald" columnist Westbrook Pegler made numerous comments regarding the investigations conducted by the FBI in civil rights cases.

Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

Pegler states that there is a movement afoot in which the FBI has become an accomplice to discredit police authority of the States and cities by harassing individual policemen with investigations and law suits for enormous damages.

He continues that the Bureau has let itself be drawn into this mess through a mistaken obedience to the political agitation which was maintained for years by the Roosevelt and the Truman administrations.

The article states that the FBI has meddled in strictly local police matters in New York, Chicago and Miami but has ignored wild violence, including bombings and gunfire, in connection with union troubles in Elizabeth, Louisiana. It is indicated that in this instance two unions of the A.F. of L. had been picketing paper mills in an attempt to organize the regional farmers who are part-time employees in the local paper mill.

Pegler infers that the Bureau has declined to enter into this matter, claiming lack of jurisdiction. He states that the Bureau had the same jurisdiction in the Elizabeth, Louisiana, situation that it had when it butted into the shooting of the Ruther Brothers and the investigation of the bombings in the State of Florida.

He also states that two uniformed policemen were fired outright last winter in Chicago, Illinois, and then indicted in Federal court for the beating of a navy veteran whose injuries were not apparent. He states that the officers as individuals are presently being sued for damages by the victim and that Judge Harry N. Fisher has rejected the victim's story and stated that the dismissal of the officers was "robbing them of their livelihood on uncorroborated testimony." Based upon this decision, Pegler reports that the Judge reversed the decision of the local Civil Service Commission and ordered the officers returned to duty.

It is noted that Pegler makes reference to the Bureau's meddling in strictly local police matters in New York City. It is presumed that he is referring to the incidents arising out of the activities of Police Commissioner Monaghan of the New York City Police Department.

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In this instance it was determined that an agreement was arrived at between the Criminal Division, the United States Attorney's Office and the New York City Police Department to permit that agency to investigate all such allegations made against members of its Department. It was further agreed that subsequent to the completion of the investigation copies of the reports were to be furnished the United States Attorney's Office for a determination as to whether additional information was desired or whether an investigation was to be instituted by the FBI.

Upon determining the existence of this agreement, former Attorney General McGranery revoked it and stated henceforth the FBI was to investigate all such complaints brought to its attention.

With respect to Pegler's statement that the FBI butted into the shooting of the Reuther Brothers, it is to be noted that no investigation was conducted by this Bureau in this matter. Efforts were made by numerous individuals and organizations to draw the FBI into the investigation, however, the only action taken with respect to this incident was the offering of the facilities of the Laboratory to the local authorities.

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By memorandum dated December 21, 1949, former Attorney General Clark did request the Bureau to conduct a full and complete investigation into the attempted bombings of the CIO-UAW headquarters in Detroit, Michigan, on the night of December 20, 1949. A very extensive investigation was instituted and by memorandum dated May 14, 1952, the Department recommended that no further investigation be conducted with respect to the attempted bombings unless new information was developed reflecting a Federal violation.

During the Fall and Winter of 1951 a number of incidents were brought to the Bureau's attention in Miami, Florida, regarding certain bombings and attempted bombings. These matters which are commonly known as the "Florida bombing cases" were inquired into on a preliminary basis and the Department furnished copies of all investigative reports.

By memorandum dated December 28, 1951, subsequent to the dynamite death of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore of Mims, Florida, the Department requested that efforts be made by the Bureau to

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determine the individuals responsible for this and all related incidents. It was further indicated that the question of jurisdiction would be determined thereafter.

An extensive and widespread investigation has been carried on with respect to the Florida bombing incidents and during October 1952 a special Federal Grand Jury was empaneled to hear all the evidence developed to date. This grand jury was empaneled for a period of 18 months and is currently in recess for the summer months. Two special assistants to the Attorney General are handling this matter and have, to date, presented all of the information with respect to the Harry T. Moore case and the Carver Village incident. Subsequent to the reconvening of the grand jury, the balance of the information developed by the investigation is to be presented.

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From the information available in the article, it would appear that Pegler is referring to the case entitled [REDACTED] et al; [REDACTED] - Victim, Civil Rights." This matter was first brought to the attention of the Bureau on July 1, 1952, at which time a full investigation was instituted by the Chicago Field Division based upon information received to the effect that the victim has been mistreated by the subjects subsequent to his arrest for improper driving. It is to be noted that on December 21, 1951, former Attorney General McGrath issued instructions that from that date on the Bureau was authorized to conduct full and complete investigations regarding certain types of violations among which were Civil Rights, Election Laws and Involuntary Servitude and Slavery cases. In view of these instructions, the Chicago Division automatically instituted a full investigation with respect to the [REDACTED] case.

Subsequent to the completion of the investigation, the United States Attorney advised the Chicago Office that he was recommending to the Department that this matter be presented to a Federal Grand Jury and the Department by memorandum dated November 21, 1952, advised that it had authorized such action. The subjects were indicted on January 13, 1953, and their trial has been set tentatively for September 18, next.

Investigation revealed that the Civil Service Commission of Chicago dismissed the subjects, however, the June 25, 1953, issue of the "Chicago Tribune" revealed that Judge Harry M. Fisher of the Circuit Court set aside the order of the city Civil Service Commission and ordered that the subjects be restored to their jobs.

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The case was brought before Judge Fisher in the form of an administrative appeal from the Civil Service ruling and was decided on a review of the record without argument.

A review of the Bureau's files reflects that investigation entitled "Unknown Subjects; Dynamiting Railroad Bridge, Santa Fe Branch Line, Six Miles North of Elizabeth, Louisiana, December 21, 1952 - Federal Train Wreck Statute," was conducted by the New Orleans Division.

This matter was first brought to the Bureau's attention by New Orleans teletype dated December 22, 1952, which advised that a sixty-foot railroad bridge located six miles north of Elizabeth, Louisiana, on a branch line operated by the Santa Fe Railroad between Oakdale, Louisiana, and Silsbee, Louisiana, was dynamited. It was indicated that approximately six sticks of dynamite were used, as a result of which a portion of the bridge was destroyed to the extent of approximately \$1500 in damages.

The branch line involved services only the Calcasieu Southern Paper Company at Elizabeth, Louisiana.

The facts were immediately furnished to the Department by memorandum dated December 23, 1952, at which time advice was requested as to whether further investigation was desired. In reply, by memorandum dated January 13, 1953, the Department stated that it was assumed that the paper company shipped its products to points outside the State of Louisiana and that interstate transportation is initiated over the branch line whose bridge was destroyed. In view of this the Department expressed the opinion that the dynamiting on the bridge would be a violation of Section 1992, Title 18, U. S. Code, and that a full investigation should be conducted.

b7c The requested investigation was immediately instituted by the New Orleans Division and completed with the report of SA [redacted] dated April 22, 1953. Copies of all reports were furnished to the Criminal Division of the Department and no request was received for further investigation subsequent to the dissemination of the final report.

Although the Bureau files fail to reflect that an investigation was conducted of the labor difficulties as such, the above-mentioned investigation did develop the possibility that there was a definite tie-in with the dynamiting of the bridge and the activities of the union pickets who were in that area.



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As a matter of interest, it is to be noted that the April 13, 1953, issue of "Life" magazine carries an article, page 61, entitled "High Noon in a Strikebound Town." A copy is attached for your information.

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# FAIR ENOUGH

By Westbrook Pegler

There is a movement afoot, in which the FBI has become an accomplice, to discredit the police authority of the states and cities by harassing individual policemen with "investigations" and lawsuits for enormous "damages." This new development in the unremitting campaign to inflame one "group" against another, especially Negroes against white policemen, is the doing of private organizations professing to promote "brotherhood." These societies are soft bureaucracies for sedentary agitators whose likelihood would vanish if they ever ran out of grievances. The FBI has let itself be drawn into the mess thru a mistaken obedience to the political agitation which was maintained for years by the Roosevelt and Truman administrations.



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The FBI has meddled in strictly local police matters in New York, Chicago and Miami but has ignored wild violence, including bombing and gunfire, in connection with union troubles. In Elizabeth, La., where two unions of the AFL have been pocketing paper mills in an attempt to "organize" the regional farmers who are also part-time employees of the mills, the sheriff finally admonished the strangers coming thru the parish to be sure to carry guns. The local authority either couldn't or wouldn't put down the terror. The governor, sensitive to the growing power of the union rackets in the South under the new industrial economy, would not call out troops. The wife of a member of the State police wrote me that these men had risked their lives day and night to make 86 arrests but that the courts let all the prisoners go except one who pleaded guilty.

Here was one of many situations in which when it leaped into action to try to find the terrorists who had killed a Negro in Florida by bombing his house. The victim had been very active in an earlier "civil rights" case, originating in a rape. The FBI had the same jurisdiction in Elizabeth, La., that it had when it butted into the shooting of the Reuther brothers from ambush in Detroit. Actually, the FBI had no sound jurisdiction in either the Florida case or the Reuther shootings. The Department of Justice has held that notwithstanding the so-called civil rights law of 1866 "the primary vindicator of those rights must continue to be the State, itself."

At the recent governors' conference, Governors Pine of Pennsylvania, and Battle of Virginia,

barked at the FBI for butting into the business of the states. Gov. Dewey went all the way, demanding the repeal of the law which gives the FBI its pretext.

This law was passed in hatred against the South in 1866 to "implement" the 14th amendment, which also was a measure of revenge. The 14th would have failed of passage but for the carpet-bag legislatures of three states whose best citizens had been disfranchised because they had fought for the Confederacy. These states were North and South Carolina and Georgia. The legislatures were largely illiterate and some legislative sessions were wild orgies of drunken puppets of the northern carpetbaggers.

The validity of the vote of the states by which the 14th was deemed to have been ratified has always been cloudy. Contrary to President Lincoln's plain counsel, the 14th not only gave the emancipated men the vote, but by the disfranchisement of the Confederate veterans, made these new citizens the ruling class. The 14th amendment and the civil rights law were nullified by Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest and his original Ku Klux Klan. But, ironically, the law was exhumed 75 years later for the purpose of destroying Harry Truman's political boss and mentor, Tom Pendergast, of Kansas City.

Maurice Milligan, the U. S. attorney, remembered this dead-letter when he was casting about for some federal law to punish the crooks who had been stealing elections for Pendergast's candidacies, including Truman. He argued that Pendergast and his machine thereby had infringed the constitutional right of countless persons unknown by setting at naught their votes in an election of federal officers. Truman got his revenge in preventing the further appointment of Milligan. Later, in his terms as President, he invoked the same law to harass policemen and other individuals in fine-drawn cases and thus appeal to the balance-of-power in key political cities.

In Chicago, two uniformed policemen were fired outright last winter, then indicted in the federal court and sued for damages as individuals, for "beating" a Navy veteran, a white man, whose injuries were not apparent. On appeal, Judge Harry M. Fisher rejected the "victim's story and said the dismissal of the cops was "robbing them of their livelihood on uncorroborated and questionable testimony." This decision sent them back to duty.

All the cops did was arrest the man when he dared them to and stuff him into their police car when he tried to hold back.

The law on force says a cop must use as much as is necessary to make an arrest, short of wanton violence.

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Department of Police  
Safety Building  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

My dear [REDACTED]

Mr. Nichols has brought to my attention on your letter of August 18, 1953, enclosing the Westbrook Pegler article from the "Milwaukee Sentinel" of August 18, 1953. We sincerely appreciate your writing in this regard.

Frankly, we are unable to figure out the motivation of Pegler in doing this piece. After all, Congress has passed the laws pertaining to Civil Rights and the Department of Justice instructs the FBI to carry out these investigations. In other words, Pegler is criticizing the Bureau for doing its duty.

You are possibly aware that a Subcommittee of congress investigated the situation in New York wherein former Assistant Attorney General allegedly entered into an agreement with the New York police Department to side-step the FBI in handling of Civil Rights cases. We did not enter this controversy because this was a matter of policy for the Department. Suffice it to say, when the Attorney General learned of the alleged agreement, he promptly repudiated it.

I am at a loss to understand the basis of Pegler's allegations of harsh feelings between the Chief Inspector of the New York Police Department and Mr. Nichols. We have disagreed on principle, but certainly there is absolutely nothing personal in this matter between the FBI and the New York Police Department.

cc - Milwaukee, with copy of incoming.

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We have decided insofar as the Bureau is concerned we will make no comment of the Pegler articles. To do so would extend the controversy and no good purpose would be served, and obviously to answer Pegler articles would necessitate our making public statements regarding another police department which we do not feel inclined to do at this time.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours.

# As Pegler Sees It

## On Esprit de Corps, The FBI and N. Y. Police

By WESTBROOK PEGLER.

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**T**HE NEW YORK POLICE Department is just as good or just about as good as the FBI is in the jurisdiction originally assigned to it by Congress and recently expanded by an ambulance-chaser's "interpretation" of the carpet-baggers' civil rights law which was adopted in hot blood and malice against the prostrate South after the Civil War.



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The New York police have suffered from the misconduct of some bad actors, but so, also, to my certain knowledge, has the FBI. But when a crooked policeman is turned up there is a great scandal in the papers whereas I have never seen a public announcement from the office of J. Edgar Hoover of the dismissal of any agent of his bureau for any offense.

The FBI just quietly gets rid of them as a religious organization disposes of unfaithful members of the cloth and the reputation of the corps remains free of the slightest stain.

There is a hostile feeling between the Department and the Bureau, which is bad business and should be healed by dignified, honest dealings between Commissioner George Monaghan and Mr. Hoover.

It is unnecessarily harsh between Chief Inspector Conrad Rothengast, a great policeman who has specialized in detective work for many years, and Hoover's right-hand man, Lou Nichols. Neither of these excellent men goes so far as to cast aspersions on the honesty or competence of the other and the fuss seems to me to be a matter of temperament and corps loyalty.

Rothengast is fiercely loyal to the New York Police Department and its good name, and some of the best of his detectives are just as loyal to him.

**T**HE FBI ALSO HAS a fine corps spirit but is by tradition very secretive in dealings with local police forces and holds itself generally above the cops.

This distrust was inherent but it was heightened by depressing experiences with the local cops in St. Paul and Chicago, to name two cities where gangsters became dominant in local politics back in prohibition days.

It should be corrected now as between the FBI and the New York police. The FBI has been picking on the cops and belittling them and the result is that they do not cooperate and try to trick one another. The people have no money to spare to pay for unnecessary inefficiency in the forces whom they look to for protection.

The FBI has sneered at the standards and methods by which the New York Police Department runs up its statistics on complaints, arrests, convictions and other departmental details.

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The FBI insists on a system formulated by the National Association of Chiefs of Police, which includes not only municipal and State police executives but chiefs of private plant security forces. It has no more official authority than the Society of Newspaper Editors has in daily journalism.

The City of New York has a right to choose its own system and it has no obligation to conform to the FBI's preferences. Moreover, whereas the New York cops do have to lay it on the line for the public, the FBI doesn't. They also have to deal with spur-of-the-moment crimes that FBI men can ignore.

This irritation was kicked up by pestiferous political "pressure groups" which are always alert to aggravate latent ill-will between undefined elements called "minorities" and other citizens.

UNDER the old civil rights law the Federal Government has power to horn into all manner of strictly local affairs and under this power the Department of Justice and the FBI have been harassing and worrying decent New York policemen by hauling them before Federal grand juries in cases which have been absurd exaggerations.

In some cases the FBI has persevered even after the State grand juries have indicted the offenders and upheld the cops and trial juries have convicted the prisoners as charged.

When Govs. Fine of Pennsylvania and Battle of Virginia let out a yell against the intrusion of the FBI into State affairs and Tom Dewey of New York furthermored their squawk at the Governors' consistory in Seattle, the issue deserved more attention than it got.

Hardly any violence upon any individual by a cop or warden is outside the civil rights law. If an inmate of a State insane asylum goes haywire and gets hurt in a fracas with the keepers, a fine question can be raised whether the keepers used a trifle more force than was absolutely necessary.

The same question can be raised every time a policeman has to twist a drunk's arm or ram a mugger in the belly with the first two fingers to make his tongue pop out and relax him.

But if the cop uses just a shade less than sufficient force and loses his prisoner he may be charged with incompetence or cowardice. As a citizen minding my own business on dark streets at night I want the cops to use a trifle more force than might be the exact amount necessary rather than a trifle less.

**I**N CHICAGO two uniformed policemen were actually fired from the force for using the fingers on a man they had been compelled to arrest for disorderly conduct because, in the presence of a crowd, he dared them to. When that happens, the cops have got to make the pinch. This man resisted when they tried to put him in their police car, so they gave him the business, and the fact that he was a Navy veteran with some disability got him acquitted at the trial.

These two policemen and a number of others have been sued for large damages in the civil courts and some of them will have to pay their own legal costs. Incidentally, this outrage raised such a row that the cops were reinstated.

Keep that up and the cops won't interfere in anything less than a massacre. The nature of this "veteran's" disability was not published so it could have been incurred in some incident not even remotely concerned with enemy action.

On Long Island recently some strikers kicked up a wild riot and the pictures showed ten uniformed policemen delicately restraining one tough who should have been belted out with a bat. They are getting afraid to do their duty and they look very bad in the pictures.

The FBI has plenty to do without messing in the crap-shooting cases in big cities and sniffing the kettles in the kitchens of lunatic asylums. If it has men to spare for such mischief, it is overstaffed and its appropriation should be reduced.

There is no sensible reason for this bickering and it ought to be stopped pro bono publico.

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: September 3, 1953

Mr. Tolson

TO : Mr. B. Nichols

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *pl*

DATE: August 31, 1953

FROM : Mr. Rosen *R*SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER'S ARTICLE  
IN "TIMES HERALD," AUGUST 26, 1953  
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The purpose of this memorandum is to submit detailed write-ups of cases referred to in the Westbrook Pegler article appearing on page 11 in the "Times Herald" dated August 26, 1953.

Pegler's article states the FBI had Detective William Ryan under investigation for sixteen months.

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Pegler referred to the William J. Brennan case and stated, "The FBI horned in and two cops had to go to the Federal Grand Jury and suffer double jeopardy again."

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By Westbrook Pegler

Some executives and agents of the federal bureau of investigation are unhappy over my commentaries on the intrusion of the FBI into strictly local police matters under the authority of the dead-letter civil rights law of 1866.

I have received word thru a reliable medium that the FBI is acting under special orders to invoke this law to harass policemen in New York, Chicago and other cities, by "investigating" complaints of brutality by persons of dubious and even disreputable character.

Federal district attorneys go after indictments of accused policemen and, in some cases, get them altho no cop has been indicted in New York. FBI agents in New York issue imperious commands to policemen to come downtown and submit to questioning. There is bad blood between the FBI and the police in New York as a direct result of the emphasis on this passe law.

My informant, whose services were invoked because the FBI is muzzled by politics, tells me that the FBI feels that the criticism for this sudden revival of the civil rights law should be directed at the attorney general, Mr. Brownell, as of now, and at his recent predecessors under Truman.

Both major parties got into a contest for the favor of the Negro balance of power in large cities by exaggerating petty incidents and horning into local jurisdictions to undercut the police.

Truman campaigned on civil rights as a major issue in 1948 and created a packed "commission" selected by the late David K. Niles, which wrote a thoroughly devious and misrepresentative "report" to serve the inflammatory program of the political society called Americans for Democratic Action.

Gov. Dewey is strongly influential in the White House and in the Department of Justice, where his 1948 campaign manager, Herb Brownell, now presides as attorney general. He has yielded a great deal of his old Republican character in his efforts to propitiate the Democratic and Socialist voters in the city of New York. Altho he recently came out for repeal of the civil rights law of 1866, that will take at least until the next Congress gets around to it.

Meanwhile the friction between the FBI and the cops continues with further loss of precious prestige on both sides.

It is important to note that this law lay forgotten until the Department of Justice suddenly gave the FBI orders to use it against local police forces. If it is so important today, then it was equally important 10 or 15 years ago.

All policemen and FBI agents and all experts in government know that not all the laws can be enforced with equal vigor.

Robert Moses once criticized a mayor of weakening his police work by trying to enforce latent laws of no urgency as severely as he enforced the law against murder. The little laws, such as the one against unmuzzled dogs, normally get sporadic enforcement. A dog can be walked unmuzzled perhaps 50 weeks a year, but murder is out of season the year around.

The communication which has



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reached me has it that the FBI is doing this dirty work reluctantly and would be glad to use the manpower involved in its anti-Communist work which is now a very urgent concern. But if John Edgar Hoover should say that he would be in great trouble.

However, an authority in the New York police department still remembering officious treatment of good cops by FBI agents in civil rights cases, is holding out for a show of sincerity.

In one case two cops arrested a Negro couple for interfering with them when they dispersed a sidewalk crap game. Another man, also colored, rallied a mob to free the prisoners and "give the cops a lesson." The woman bit patrolman William J. Brennan. Her husband knocked Brennan down and tried to run away after they all reached the police station. The couple got 60 days for assault, suspended in the husband's case, and the other man got 30 days for disorderly conduct. The district attorney of New York investigated complaints that the husband had been beaten and vindicated the policemen. Nevertheless, the FBI horned in and the two good cops had to go to the federal grand jury and suffer double jeopardy again. They were vindicated again.

In another flagrant case, the Civil Liberties Union harassed detective William Ryan and others after they had found and arrested three girls, 15, 16 and 17 who stole \$20,000 from the home of a doctor in West Lynn, Mass., and shackled up with a sailor and two civilian loafers in New York. They spent about \$3,000. About \$17,000 never was found. The doctor killed himself.

The CLU charged Ryan with assault on one of the civilians. He was exonerated by the county grand jury. The FBI then took him before the Federal grand jury which also exonerated him. The FBI had him under investigation for 16 months.

The two civilian bums got an indeterminate sentence and four months, respectively, for rape and impairing the morals of a minor. Released in two months, the second one soon got another three months for assault and later got five years for robbery with a gun. The one for whom the CLU pressed false charges against Detective Ryan had been a bum for five years; had had two previous arrests, was described in police documents as an associate of sexual perverts and had been reported to the FBI when his selective service card was found on a man arrested for having narcotics and a revolver.

In 1952, 166 New York policemen were attacked by civilians, all being hurt so badly that they were relieved of duty. Another 166 were assaulted but not required to report sick.

Only nine complaints of civil rights violations were made to the FBI in a little more than three years. All went to the local grand juries and later to federal grand juries, but not one indictment came down.

The FBI is a cat's paw for the Civil Liberties Union, A.D.A. and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in this situation. My intermediary tells me it greatly abhors this nasty political duty.

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Howard Lewis is on vacation. The U. S. and Us column will resume upon his return.

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[REDACTED] New York City Police Department [REDACTED] is a New York case in which an indictment was returned by a Federal Grand Jury on March 5, 1953. The trial of this case has been postponed until October 5, 1953. By memorandum received December 16, 1952, the Department requested a full investigation which necessarily included interview of subject [REDACTED]. SAC Boardman contacted Commissioner Monaghan on January 9, 1953, and advised him of this investigation at which time he requested permission to interview the subject of this case. MONAGHAN Refused. Completion Report dated 1/23/53, forwarded Dept. 1/26.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols  
 FROM : M. A. Jones  
 SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER'S COLUMN  
OF JUNE 17, 1953

DATE: June 17, 1953

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Mr. Pegler stated in his June 17 column: "The Frankfurter report to Woodrow Wilson on the Mooney case was signed also by Max Lowenthal as assistant secretary."

The Director asked: "Is this a fact? H."

President Wilson appointed a "Mediation Commission" in September 1917 to investigate the Tom Mooney case. The Commission turned in its report to the President on January 9, 1918. It was signed by the members of the Commission as follows:

W. B. Wilson, Chairman.  
 Verner Z. Reed.  
 Jackson L. Spangler.  
 John H. Walker.  
 Felix Frankfurter,  
 Secretary and Counsel.  
 Max Lowenthal,  
 Assistant Secretary.

This is possibly the report referred to by Pegler as no such report as a "Frankfurter report to Woodrow Wilson on the Mooney Case" other than this could be found. (Source: "The Official Bulletin" January 2-April 30, 1918, Department of Justice Library.)

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By Westbrook Pegler

Felix Frankfurter was examined by a subcommittee of the Senate committee on the judiciary on Jan. 12, 1939. He was a slippery witness. Sen. Pat McCarran, a Democrat but an anti-Communist even then, asked him whether he agreed with the "doctrine" of his friend, Harold Laski, the English Communist, as expressed in a book of his entitled "Communism."



Pegler

"Sen. McCarran," said Frankfurter, "how can I answer without making a speech about my views on government and the relations of the various branches of the government to one another?" He could have made the speech. Nobody was interrupting him. But he didn't.

They sparred along and no clear answer came from Frankfurter. Sen. William H. King, another Democrat, took over the task of trying to get a straightforward declaration.

King asked, "Do you believe in what might be called the ideology of Marx and Trotsky?"

Again Frankfurter gave an imitation of bushel of eels on a barrel of grease.

"It would be terribly easy," he said, "for me to answer that question."

"I withhold any further discussion, not because there is any secret about my views or feelings but because I am in a position in which I cannot help it. You will have to decide, in the light of my whole life, what devotion I have given to the American system of government."

That is precisely what the senators were trying to do. "In the light" of his "whole life," the senators had learned that Theodore Roosevelt had accused Frankfurter of "taking an attitude fundamentally that of Trotsky and other Bolshevik leaders in Russia." T. R. was referring to Frankfurter's "investigation and report" on the trial of Tom Mooney for the murder of many citizens by a planted bomb in San Francisco and on the Bisbee deportation of a gang of I.W.W. terrorists. The agitation to discredit the Mooney trial and get him excused from the death penalty was directed from Petrograd, the revolutionary capital of Russia.

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T. R. said Frankfurter's report on the Bisbee action was "as thoroughly misleading a document as could be written. No official writing on behalf of the President is to be excused for failure to know and set forth that the I.W.W. is a criminal organization. No human being in his senses doubts that the men deported from Bisbee were intent on destruction and murder."

In this testimony, Frankfurter gave his Communist bosom friend, Laski, a fine build-up and said, quite gratuitously, that Laski came over here in World War I to teach at McGill in Montreal and Harvard, being "disqualified for service in the war for physical reasons."

These physical handicaps did not prevent Laski from playing a game of tennis so strenuous and excellent (while other Britons much older and less fit were taking it in France) that his tennis game has had prominent mention in his biography. Laski was, in fact, a conniving draft dodger devoted not to the preservation of the country whose people had thrown about him the protection of their Magna Charta, their courts and their

unwritten constitution, but rather to the destruction of the nation. He carried on similarly here and Felix Frankfurter was one of his warmest personal friends. But, as to Frankfurter's attitude toward Laski's doctrine of communism, we are still left guessing.

The Frankfurter report to Woodrow Wilson on the Mooney case was signed also by Max Lowenthal as assistant secretary. This is the man who wrote the book attacking the FBI two years ago and who then bobbed up mysteriously in the friendly biography of Harry S. Truman by Jonathan Daniels, one of Trumans selfless secretaries. Daniels depicted Lowenthal as one who threw a halter on Truman and schooled him in Lowenthal's principles of government for the United States.

Daniels went much further. He wrote that Lowenthal, as counsel for a Senate committee of which Truman was a greenhorn member, decided long before any such bug bit Truman himself, to school Truman for Vice President. He also introduced him to Louis D. Brandeis, then retired from the Supreme bench, for visits in which Brandeis' thoughts made a profound impression on the rapscallion rube from the political slums of Kansas City.

Later, Lowenthal was called before the House committee on un-American activities to give information about his own doings, particularly as an emissary of certain groups in Germany when the terrible precedents of revenge were being established in the "war guilt" trials. Lowenthal brought along Burt Wheeler of Montana, formerly a senator, altho Wheeler had been liquidated on charges of anti-Semitism. Wheeler tied up the committee so cleverly that Lowenthal didn't have to answer a single question of importance. He never did name the groups which sent him to Germany or explain his relations with a character named Wahl whose activities still baffle not only that committee but other such bodies.

In his testimony that day in 1933, Frankfurter himself made the remarkable admission that "except in one instance involving a charge against a nominee the entire history of this committee and of the Supreme court does not disclose that a nominee to the Supreme court has appeared and testified." And his mouthpiece all thru the hearings was Dean Acheson, who remained his close confidant thru-out Acheson's career in the State department.

The published record contains the written statement of the late Gen. Hugh Johnson that Frankfurter was "the most influential individual in the United States," heading "the nucleus of a vast collectivism in which business or any private enterprise are just elements to be absorbed."

Another observation which went into this record was that of George N. Peek, former administrator of the unconstitutional AAA, who wrote: "In the legal division plans were formed which turned the AAA from a device to aid the farmers into a device to introduce the collectivist system of agriculture."

"This," Peek wrote, "was due to Jerome Frank, who had come to Washington, so he told me, at the request of Felix Frankfurter."

There is so much information proving that Frankfurter is a crafty political manipulator of a personal machine, including even Henry L. Stimson, whom he selected for secretary of war, that the appropriate investigating committees are wasting time on petty suspects and apostates. Frankfurter's office is not a five minutes' walk away.

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Is this a fact?

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Memo to Heckler  
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WESTBROOK PEGLER SAYS:

## Contention Destroys Efficiency of Police

THE NEW YORK Police Department is just as good or just about as good as the FBI is in the jurisdiction originally assigned to it by Congress and recently expanded by an ambulance-chaser's "interpretation" of the Carpet-Baggers' civil rights law which was adopted in hot blood and malice against the prostrate South after the Civil War. The New York police have suffered from the mis-conduct of some bad actors but so, also, to my certain knowledge, has the FBI.

But when a crooked policeman is turned up there is a great scandal in the papers whereas I have never seen a public announcement from the office of J. Edgar Hoover of the dismissal of any agent of his bureau for any offense. The FBI just quietly gets rid of them as a religious organization disposes of unfaithful members of the cloth and the reputation of the corps remains free of the slightest stain.

THERE IS A hostile feeling between the department and the bureau, which is bad business and should be healed by dignified, honest dealings between Commissioner George Monaghan and Hoover. It is unnecessarily harsh, between Chief Inspector Conrad Rothengast, a great policeman who has specialized in detective work for many years, and Hoover's right hand man, Lou Nichols.

Neither of these excellent men goes so far as to cast aspersions on the honesty or competence of the other and the fuss seems to me to be a matter of temperament and corps loyalty. Rothengast is fiercely loyal to the New York Police Department and its good name and some of the best of his detectives are just as loyal to him.

THE FBI ALSO has a fine corps spirit but is by tradition very secretive in dealings with local police forces and holds itself generally above the cops. This distrust was inherent but it was heightened with the local cops in St. Paul and Chicago, to name two cities where gangsters became dominant in local politics back in prohibition days.

It should be corrected now as between the FBI and the New York police. The FBI has been picking on the cops and belittling them and the result is that they do not co-operate and try to trick one another. The people have no money to spare to pay for unnecessary inefficiency in the forces whom they look to for protection.

The FBI has sneered at the standards and methods by which the New York Police Department runs up its statistics on complaints, arrests, convictions and other departmental details. The FBI insists on a system formulated by the National Association of Chiefs of Police, which includes not only municipal and state police executives but chiefs of private plant security forces.

IT HAS NO MORE official authority than the Society of Newspaper Editors has in daily journalism. The City of New York has a right to choose its own system and it has no obligation to conform

to the FBI's preferences. Moreover, whereas the New York cops do have to lay it on the line for the public, the FBI doesn't. They also have to deal with spur-of-the-moment crimes that FBI men can ignore.

This irritation was kicked up by pestiferous political "pressure groups" which are always alert to aggravate latent ill-will between undefined elements called "minorities" and other citizens.

UNDER THE OLD civil rights law the federal government has power to horn into all manner of strictly local affairs and under this power the Department of Justice and the FBI have been harassing and worrying decent New York policemen by hauling them before federal grand juries in cases which have been absurd exaggerations. In some cases, the FBI has persevered even after the state grand juries have indicted the offenders and upheld the cops and trial juries have convicted the prisoners as charged.

The FBI has plenty to do without messing in the crap-shooting cases in big cities and sniffing the kettles in the kitchens of lunatic asylums. If it has men to spare for such mischief, it is over-staffed and its appropriation should be reduced.

There is no sensible reason for this bickering and it ought to be stopped pro bono publico.

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September 17, 1953

Honorable Raymond Moley  
Newsweek  
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New York 18, New York

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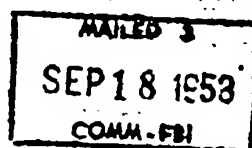
Dear Raymond:

Nichols has informed me of his conversation with you today and I wanted you to know how deeply I appreciate the interest which you have taken in the Bureau, not only in the situation involving our investigation of alleged violations of the Federal Civil Rights Statute, but for your interest over the years in assisting wherever you can.

Obviously, it would be impossible to set Westbrook Fegler straight because he apparently is not particularly interested in the facts. In fact, he has been informed of the Bureau's position and despite this, continues to give an entirely erroneous impression. As you know, the FBI is not a policy-making organization. It is our duty to carry out the assignments given us by the Attorney General and the Department of Justice and in handling the investigations of Civil Rights violations, that is exactly what we do.

In line with your conversation with Nichols, I am enclosing a copy of the story pertaining to the Governors' Conference which appeared in the New York Herald Tribune of August 4, 1953, along with a copy of my letter to the Editor of the New York Times which was published on August 26, 1953. In addition, you may have missed a recent interview of the Attorney General which appeared in the September 4, 1953, issue of U. S. News and World Report. I am enclosing a copy of the interview and would like to direct particular attention to the position set forth by the Attorney General on pages 49 and 50. If there is any additional information which you would like, please do not hesitate to call.

With best wishes and kind regards,



Sincerely,  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: Sept. 11, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

While talking to [REDACTED] on other matters, he inquired whether Pegler's articles were hurting. I told him that obviously when a man writes five columns on a subject matter from the approach that Pegler has done, it is bound to hurt.

[REDACTED] stated that he couldn't quite understand this because Pegler is friendly to the Bureau; that he saw Pegler the other evening and Pegler commented very favorably about the Director and the Bureau. Pegler does have an intense hatred for Governor Dewey and anyone connected with him and it was [REDACTED] feeling that Pegler was trying to lambast the Attorney General and Dewey, using the FBI for this purpose. I told [REDACTED] that certainly his first two articles did not indicate this as they were outright attacks on the Bureau.

I then told [REDACTED] about my conversation with Pegler. I told him I believe that if Pegler called me I would be afraid to talk to him. [REDACTED] said that would be the biggest mistake we could possibly make; that the way to handle Pegler is to completely ignore him and ignore the articles and, if he comes in, be very courteous, friendly and in no time at all Pegler will become very remorseful and he will seek to undo what he has done, whereas if we fight him on it that will only aggravate the situation. [REDACTED] stated that Pegler was a very curious and peculiar individual and had to be handled right. I told [REDACTED] that I just didn't think that I had the stomach for that.

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September 22, 1953

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON**  
*from* **MR. NICHOLS**

On Saturday, September 19, former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy called me from his home at Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, and stated he had been to see Westbrook Pegler who was in the New England Baptist Hospital and talked with Pegler concerning the columns which Pegler had recently written attacking and criticizing the FBI in civil rights cases. Ambassador Kennedy stated he believed he had completely straightened Pegler out as to the facts in this matter and that Pegler would, no doubt, in the near future contact Mr. Nichols of the Bureau as Pegler seemed to be desirous of dropping the matter and making his peace with the FBI. Ambassador Kennedy stated he thought it might be well for Mr. Nichols to see Pegler should he endeavor to contact him. I thanked Mr. Kennedy for his interest in this matter.

Very truly yours,

*JEA*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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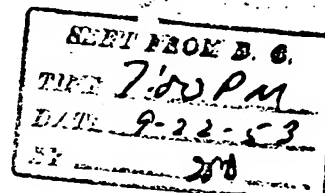
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: August 31, 1953

FROM : Mr. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS

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SYNOPSIS

Westbrook Pegler, in a syndicated article dated August 20, 1953, made mention of certain investigations conducted by this Bureau in which it was indicated that in his opinion they were matters not within our jurisdiction.

Pegler stated that the Bureau interfered in local matters in Chicago and Miami but ignored violence in Elizabeth, Louisiana. Contended Bureau had same jurisdiction in Louisiana labor difficulties as it had in the shooting of the Reuther brothers in Detroit. Stated Bureau had more reason to investigate Louisiana labor troubles than it did either the Reuther shooting or the Miami cases.

Pegler's references to interference in local matters in Miami, Florida, refers to investigations conducted with respect to the Florida bombings. Investigation of these incidents ordered by the Attorney General by memorandum dated December 28, 1951, at which time Bureau instructed that efforts were to be made to determine individuals responsible and that question of jurisdiction would be resolved thereafter. SPECIAL GRAND JURY NOW IN RECESS; NO DATE SET FOR RECONVENING.

cc: Mr. Nichols  
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Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

Investigation entitled "Unknown Subjects; Dynamiting Railroad Bridge, Santa Fe Railroad Branch Line, Six Miles North Elizabeth, Louisiana, December 21, 1952, Federal Train Wreck Statute," conducted by New Orleans Division. This matter connected with labor incidents mentioned by Pegler as occurring in Elizabeth, Louisiana. The above-mentioned bridge was destroyed on December 21, 1952, resulting in partial destruction of the bridge with damages amounting to approximately \$1,500. Department advised and a full investigation requested by its memorandum dated January 13, 1953, which was completed by New Orleans report dated April 22, 1953. Investigation failed to develop perpetrators of dynamiting. Facts developed indicate possible tie-in with activities of union pickets in that area.

Pegler states Bureau had no jurisdiction in investigation conducted of the shooting of Walter and Victor Reuther. No active investigation as such conducted with respect to these incidents. Cooperation extended local authorities in that all information coming to Bureau's attention referred to proper individuals and facilities of FBI Laboratory extended to local authorities. By memorandum dated December 21, 1949, the Department did request the Bureau to conduct a full and complete investigation into the attempted bombings of CIO - UAW Headquarters in Detroit, Michigan, on the night of December 20, 1949. Extensive investigation conducted with respect to this request. However, no inquiry made regarding shooting.

RECOMMENDATION

Attached there are four ~~memoranda~~ memoranda setting forth in detail the facts regarding the above-mentioned cases.

*JHP RWH GAN*

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AUGUST 31, 1953

MEMORANDUM

RE: FLORIDA BOMBING CASES

During the Fall and Winter of 1951 a number of incidents were brought to the attention of the Bureau regarding certain bombings and attempted bombings which had occurred in and around Miami, Florida. These matters are currently being handled as four distinct cases namely; (1) "Unknown Subjects; Dynamite Incident, St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Miami, Florida - Civil Rights;" (2) "Unknown Subjects; Bombing of Jewish Temples, Schools and Centers, Miami, Florida - Civil Rights;" (3) "Unknown Subjects; Bombing of Carver Village, Edison Center, Miami, Florida, September 22, and November 30, 1951 - Civil Rights;" and (4) "Unknown Subjects; Harry T. Moore, et al; Victims - Civil Rights."

On December 22, and November 30, 1951, apartment buildings, part of a housing project, known as Carver Village, were dynamited. The project was occupied by white tenants only until the Summer of 1951, at which time the owners opened part of the project for Negro occupancy. All information coming to the Bureau's attention was immediately furnished the Department and although no active investigation was conducted at the time all current developments were immediately furnished to the Department.

Between October 1, and December 9, 1951, there were a series of incidents which occurred in Miami, Florida, involving various Jewish properties in that area. In one instance an official of the Tifereth, Israel, Northside Center received a telephone call that the center was to be bombed. On the early morning of October 1, 1951, a sign was found at the center stating in German "Attention. Explosion Delayed. Down with the damn Jews and the dirty Negroes. Heil Hitler and the KKK."

Subsequent to the above there were three incidents where one or two sticks of unexploded dynamite were found on Jewish properties and on December 2, 1951, an explosion occurred at the Miami Hebrew School and Congregation Building.

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In this instance also the Department was currently advised of all developments.

By memorandum dated December 7, 1951, the Department requested preliminary investigations with respect to both of the above incidents. The results of both investigations were made available to the Department on December 27, 1951.

On December 23, 1951, at approximately 1:00 a.m. a telephone call was received in the home of the Chief of Police in Coral Gables, Florida, at which time the caller stated in effect that no prejudice was to be shown and that this time a Catholic church was to be bombed. The caller also stated, "You people have nothing to worry about" which was interpreted as meaning that the dynamite would not be placed in Coral Gables. Thereafter, in the early morning hours of the same date a stick of unexploded dynamite was found in the doorway of the St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Miami, Florida.

On December 25, 1951, at approximately 10:20 p.m. an explosion occurred at the home of Harry T. Moore near Mims, Brevard County, Florida. As a result of the explosion Moore was killed and his wife died on January 3, 1952. Moore had been, until shortly before this incident, the State Secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in the State of Florida.

Upon receipt of the above information a preliminary investigation was immediately instituted by the Miami Division to determine whether any violation existed over which the Federal Bureau of Investigation had jurisdiction.

By memorandum dated December 28, 1951, then Attorney General McGrath requested that a full investigation be completed with respect to this and all previously related dynamite incidents occurring in Florida in an effort to determine the individuals responsible. It was further indicated that the question of jurisdiction would be determined thereafter.

An extensive and widespread investigation has been carried on in the Florida bombing incidents and during October of 1952, a special Federal Grand Jury was impaneled to hear all evidence developed. This Grand Jury was impaneled for a period of eighteen months and is currently in recess for the summer months. Two special assistants to the Attorney General

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are personally handling the matter before the Grand Jury and have, to date, presented all information with respect to the Harry T. Moore case and the Carver Village incident. A number of indictments have been returned by the Grand Jury with respect to the information developed to date against individuals who testified before the Grand Jury charging them with either perjury or a violation of Section 1001, Title 18.

Subsequent to the reconvening of the Grand Jury it is contemplated that the balance of the evidence will be presented. No date has been set for the reconvening of the Grand Jury.

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August 31, 1953

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF UAW-CIO HEADQUARTERS  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN; DECEMBER 20, 1949  
CIVIL RIGHTS

This matter is comprised of three distinct phases, two of which there was no outright investigation conducted of and the third which was investigated pursuant to instructions received from the Attorney General on December 21, 1949.

The first phase involves the shooting of Walter P. Reuther, then President of the UAW-CIO, by an unknown assailant on the evening of April 20, 1948. Reuther, who had just returned from a union meeting at the Book-Cadillac Hotel in downtown Detroit, was in the kitchen of his residence when he was shot by a blast of 00 buckshot fired through the rear kitchen window.

The second phase involves the shooting of Victor George Reuther, Educational Director, UAW-CIO, and the brother of Walter P. Reuther, who was injured by a shotgun blast of 00 buckshot while in the living room of his home on the evening of May 24, 1949.

Although considerable pressure was brought to bear by numerous prominent individuals and organizations including the Department of Justice, no active investigation as such was conducted by this Bureau; however, we did cooperate fully with all interested law enforcement agencies such as the Detroit Police Department and the Michigan State Police in that all information coming to our attention was immediately furnished to them. The facilities of the F.B.I. Laboratory were also offered in the event such assistance was needed.

Numerous contacts and communications were exchanged between the Bureau and the Department. It was the contention at that time that there was no Federal violation involved with respect to either of the above-mentioned incidents and that they as such were matters more properly handled by the local authorities.

The third phase was brought about by the attempted bombing on the night of December 20, 1949, of the International Headquarters of the UAW-CIO in Detroit, Michigan. Thirty nine

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cc: Mr. Nichols

R. G. Held:ajs

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sticks of dynamite in a corrugated soap box were found against the outside basement stairway of the building. An anonymous tip caused a search for the explosives and when found two of the fuses had burned out, one was snuffed out within an eighth of an inch and the other within one inch of the explosives.

By memorandum dated December 21, 1949, the Attorney General requested that this Bureau conduct a full and thorough investigation of this matter inasmuch as it was possible that a violation existed over which this Bureau had jurisdiction in five possible instances.

The first indicated that a possible violation of Section 832, Title 18, United States Code, by penalizing the transportation within the limits of the jurisdiction of the United States of any dynamite in a car operating in the transportation of passengers by a common carrier, had existed. It was contended that if the dynamite was brought into Detroit as an example on an interstate bus, a violation would seem to have been committed.

The second and third possibilities were based on Section 241 of Title 18, United States Code. It was indicated that this section protects citizens in the exercise of their right to assemble for the purpose of speaking and acting on subjects relating to the National Government, its laws and its operations. It is pointed out that the UAW was the meeting place where the members of the union were constantly discussing their rights and remedies under Federal Laws and as a result a possible violation would exist.

It was also pointed out that this section protects rights secured by laws of the United States such as the National Labor Relations Act. It was indicated that here again the planting of the dynamite might well have been a part of a conspiracy to intimidate union members.

It was further pointed out by the Department that a possible violation of Section 1073, Title 18, existed which makes it an offense for a person to travel in interstate commerce with intent to avoid prosecution for various offenses such as assault with a dangerous weapon.

In the final instance it was indicated that the attempted murders of Walter and Victor Reuther could well have been perpetrated by Communist party members because of the

factional strife existing within the union and that the attempted bombing could be viewed in the same light.

As a result of the above instructions, an extensive, widespread investigation was conducted by this Bureau, however, no definite information was developed as to identity of those responsible.

By memorandum dated May 14, 1952, the Department advised that subsequent to a review of all material developed to date, it was recommending that no further investigation be conducted with respect to the attempted bombing unless new information was developed reflecting a Federal violation.

Since that date the Bureau has continued to cooperate, as it did in the first instance, with local authorities in that all information coming to our attention with respect to the shooting of the Reuther brothers has been furnished to the appropriate local authorities and all information coming to our attention with respect to the attempted bombing receives immediate attention.

August 31, 1953

Memorandum

Re: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Victim  
Civil Rights

By teletype dated July 1, 1952, the Chicago Office advised that the "Chicago Tribune" on July 1, 1952, carried an article which reflected that the victim, age 30, a cripple with a spinal ailment and a World War II navy veteran, alleged that the subjects on June 30, 1952, had beaten him severely after giving him a ticket for parking on the wrong side of the street.

Investigation was immediately instituted. It should be noted that at this time the policy concerning the investigation of civil rights allegations was covered by the memorandum from the then Attorney General McGrath of December 21, 1951, in which the Bureau was ordered to make a full and complete investigation in all allegations of violations of Federal law except antitrust and jury panel investigations without clearance from the Department.

A report dated July 24, 1952, (received July 30, 1952) at Chicago was forwarded to the Department on August 8, 1952. This report indicated that [REDACTED]

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The subjects were suspended by the Chicago Police Department on July 5, 1952, and charges were preferred against them with the Chicago Civil Service Commission. A hearing was held on August 27, 1952, before the Civil Service Commission who took the matter under advisement. On October 1, 1952, the Civil Service Commission of Chicago ordered the discharge of the officers. The above information was forwarded to the Department on October 16, 1952, by a report dated October 8, 1952, which was received at the Bureau on October 10, 1952.

By memorandum dated October 31, 1952, the Department advised that it was contacting the United States Attorney in Chicago for his opinion relative to prosecution.

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[redacted] on October 29, 1952, filed a suit in Circuit Court, Cook County, Illinois, asking for reinstatement claiming that the Civil Service Commission in Chicago had erred in dismissing him. [redacted] filed a similar suit on November 5, 1952. This information was forwarded to the Department on November 24, 1952, by the Chicago report dated November 13, 1952, which was received at the Bureau on November 18, 1952.

By memorandum dated November 21, 1952, the Department advised that the United States Attorney in Chicago had suggested that the case be presented to a Federal Grand Jury and that the Department concurred in his suggestion.

On December 1, 1952, the Chicago Office was instructed to follow this matter closely and advise what action was taken by the grand jury. On January 13, 1953, this case was presented to a Federal Grand Jury and the subjects were indicted on one count alleging violation of Section 242, Title 18, United States Code. This information was forwarded to the Department on February 9, 1953, by a report dated January 28, 1953, (received at the Bureau February 2, 1953.) On March 6, 1953, Chicago was instructed to advise of the current prosecutive action. By airtel dated March 10, 1953, Chicago advised that a hearing on a motion to dismiss

the indictments was set for March 17, 1953. This information was forwarded to the Department by memorandum dated March 17, 1953. By airtel dated March 23, 1953, (received March 24, 1953) the Chicago Office advised that the hearing on this motion was continued until April 17, 1953. This information was forwarded to the Department on March 31, 1953.

In the March-April issue of the Illinois Police Association Official Journal was an article written by subject Porterfield carrying his version of the incident. The "Chicago Daily News" on March 20, 1953, carried an article which referred to the trial of the subjects as "part of a move...in a number of cities...to discredit local law enforcement agencies."

On April 17, 1953, the hearing to quell the indictment was held and the motion to dismiss the indictment was denied and the trial was set for June 16, 1953. This information, received April 20, 1953, was forwarded to the Department on April 23, 1953.

On June 16, 1953, Judge Knock, a newly appointed Federal Judge, continued the case until September 18, 1953, at which time a trial date will be set. This information was forwarded to the Department on June 24, 1953.

On June 25, 1953, Judge Harry M. Fisher, Cook County, Circuit Court, set aside the order of the Chicago Civil Service Commission dismissing the subjects. This had the effect of restoring the job of the two subjects. This information was forwarded to the Department on July 6, 1953. The Civil Service Commission on July 16, 1953, announced that it was appealing the decision of Judge Fisher. This information which was received at the Bureau on July 20, 1953, was forwarded to the Department on July 23, 1953.

On July 7, 1952, Police Commissioner Timothy J. O'Connor was orally advised by Special Agent John F. Glenville of the allegations and that investigation was being conducted by this Bureau. This was confirmed by letter to Mr. O'Connor dated July 14, 1952.

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August 31, 1953

MEMORANDUM

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; DYNAMITING RAILROAD BRIDGE, SANTA FE RAILROAD BRANCH LINE, SIX MILES NORTH ELIZABETH, LOUISIANA, DECEMBER 21, 1952. FEDERAL TRAIN WRECK STATUTE

By teletype of December 22, 1952, New Orleans Office advised that on the night of December 21, 1952, a sixty-foot railroad bridge located six miles north of Elizabeth, Louisiana, on a branch line operated by the Santa Fe Railroad between Oakdale, Louisiana, and Silsbee, Texas, was dynamited. Approximately six sticks of dynamite had been used, and a ten to twelve foot section of the bridge was destroyed. This branch line served the Calcasieu Southern Paper Company at Elizabeth, Louisiana. This company was at that time involved in a strike with a union affiliated with American Federation of Labor. The union was seeking a contract with the plant. The New Orleans Office advised that there had been previous acts of violence in the area including the burning of barns, houses, and automobiles.

A teletype of December 22, 1952, by the Bureau, instructed the New Orleans Office to conduct an inquiry from appropriate sources to determine: all information to indicate the labor difficulties responsible for the incident; any information which would indicate intent or lack of intent to wreck a train; and information as to investigation being conducted by state and local authorities.

By teletype on December 23, 1952, New Orleans Office advised that the Calcasieu Southern Paper Company became strike-bound on September 12, 1952, as a result of efforts of two unions of American Federation of Labor to organize the plant. These unions were Local 555, International Brotherhood of Paper Makers, American Federation of Labor, and Local 590 or 646, International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphate, and Mill Workers, American Federation of Labor. The plant was completely closed until November 22, 1952, when an injunction was issued by Louisiana District Court limiting picketing and enjoining strikers against intimidation and violence. After November 22, 1952, the plant operated in a limited capacity and approximately 400 individuals worked, 500 to 600 remaining on strike. During the strike there were several instances of cars and barns being dynamited. The Sheriff of Alexandria, Louisiana, arrested six persons in connection with the dynamiting of an automobile near Elizabeth, Louisiana, and later he arrested two strikers in connection with the alleged dynamiting of barns near Elizabeth. Subsequently two of these

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individuals were rearrested and charged with an additional instance of burning a barn near the plant. [REDACTED]

Louisiana, advised that he had several charges filed in his office concerning allegations of violence on the part of the strikers. Railroad branch line involved served only the paper company, and one freight train operates either to or from the plant on alternate days. During the strike, railroad union employees refused to cross the picket line into the plant and left freight cars at the entrance of the plant where railroad supervisory employees moved the cars into the plant and out of the plant. It was reported that, early in December, several strikers had told railroad employees to cease bringing cars into the plant as such traffic was interfering with the strike effort. b7C b7D

The Louisiana State Police had ordered a full investigation and the Sheriff of Allen Parish, Louisiana, and two of his deputies were investigating the dynamiting of the railroad bridge in connection with their general investigation of the strike activities.

The foregoing information was furnished to the Criminal Division by letter dated December 23, 1952, and Criminal Division was requested to advise whether or not investigation was desired with respect to a violation of the Federal Train Wreck Statute.

By memorandum dated January 13, 1953, received in the Internal Security Section on January 16, 1953, the Criminal Division pointed out that it was assumed that the paper company shipped its products to points outside of the State of Louisiana and that interstate transportation was initiated over the branch line whose bridge was destroyed. The Criminal Division pointed out that material at different times was undoubtedly brought into the plant over this branch line from outside the state. This assumption being true, the dynamiting of the bridge would constitute a violation of Title 18, Section 1992. The memorandum requested that an investigation be conducted.

This information was furnished to the New Orleans Office by airtel on January 16, 1953.

Report dated January 13, 1953, setting forth the original information received by the New Orleans Office was received in the Internal Security Section on January 15, 1953, and forwarded to the Criminal Division on January 28, 1953.

Report dated February 16, 1953, was submitted by the New Orleans Office which reflected that more than twenty-five incidents of violence had occurred in the area since November 21, 1952. No specific information developed concerning the dynamiting

of the railroad bridge. This report was received in Internal Security Section on February 18, 1953, and furnished to the Criminal Division of the Department on February 20, 1953.

New Orleans Office submitted closing report dated April 22, 1953, which reflected that violence continued in the area of Elizabeth, Louisiana, but that the railroad had had no additional trouble as a result of the strike. It is noted that the bridge was dynamited at approximately 10:25 p.m. on December 21, 1952, and was repaired for use by 2:30 p.m., December 22, 1952. The closing report was received in the Internal Security Section on May 5, 1953, and a copy was furnished to the Criminal Division on May 12, 1953.



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TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: *George Sokolsky*

DATE: Sept. 11, 1953

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George Sokolsky told me last night he is becoming increasingly concerned about Pegler's columns against the Bureau and its work in the Civil Rights field. He feels that Pegler has been a very good man in the anti-Communist fight and has been effective; that he certainly is hurting himself with these columns and he cannot quite reconcile what his game is. Sokolsky stated he obviously could not talk to Pegler as he has already written on the subject and is going to write some more. He did talk to Dick Berlin. Berlin was very much agitated over Pegler's activities, but there was little Berlin could do.

Sokolsky stated that somebody should try to set Pegler straight, although this is a problem because once Pegler starts out on something, it becomes an obsession with him. George was wondering if it would not be a good idea for us to talk to Pegler. I told George this would be impossible; that in fact I had talked to Pegler early in the summer; that when he left here, he seemed to be thoroughly understanding, but apparently something came over him; that I had just about concluded that the worst thing in the world to do would be to talk to Pegler about anything and quite frankly if Pegler were to come in here now I would decline to talk to him. George stated he, of course, could understand this and thinks there is a lot of logic to it but he thought this might merely add fuel to the flames. I told George I doubted adding any more fuel now would make any difference.

*Let Sokolsky bring it up again he should be told this*

George is going to do some more columns on the Civil Rights issue himself. I told him if he were to examine the record he would probably find that the Director had been a more effective exponent of the states rights concept than individuals such as Governor Shivers. I reminded George of the Director's stand against a national police in the early thirties; his stand against the Senate resolution calling for an investigation of the Reuther case until we were specifically ordered to do it by the Attorney General, and the Director's insistence on building up local law enforcement. George stated these were all good points and he would try to develop them further.

cc: Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Jones

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*Nothing reported by Mr. Y. S. Salinger*

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TO : Mr. Tolson *V. [initials]*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT :

DATE: Oct. 22, 1953

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SAC Boardman of the New York Office called this morning and advised that [REDACTED] advised that on the night of October 19, 1953, he attended a dinner held by the Honor Legion of the New York City Police Department. Westbrook Pegler, New York Journal American newspaper columnist, was the principal speaker.

[REDACTED] stated that Pegler, in his speech, praised the FBI, its work and organization. Pegler characterized the FBI as the outstanding intelligence agency in the country. He told the gathering that the FBI has performed outstanding work and is in possession of the best and most valuable information. Pegler told the police that they should take the necessary steps to effect better cooperation with the FBI and that the help of the FBI would greatly assist the police in their work.

cc: Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Rosen

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*Pegler in plain words!  
He blows hot & cold*

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TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER

DATE: Oct. 17, 1953

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While talking to Howard Rushmore recently, he told me he had tackled Westbrook Pegler on his columns. Pegler stated he was not after the FBI and was not even being critical of the FBI; that he was after the Attorney General and Dewey and that if Rushmore had the opportunity he should make it clear to the Bureau that Pegler was not being critical of us. Rushmore asked Pegler how anyone could read his column and not come to that conclusion. Pegler insisted they should not come to this conclusion because in each column he said he was for the FBI and was critical because the FBI was handling Civil Rights investigations. Rushmore told Pegler that no one other than he, Pegler, would ever know he was not being critical of the Bureau.

cc: Mr. Jones

LBN:MP

*Pegler is a colossal liar*

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TO : Mr. Tolson *V. m.*DATE: October 22, 1953 *ps*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER

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[redacted] told me that Saturday night Pegler called him. Pegler told him that his friend, the Inspector [redacted] thinks this is [redacted]. [redacted] sent him four tickets to the Columbia football game last Saturday. Pegler gave the four tickets away as he was not going to go. At the last minute, he decided to go and called his friend, the Inspector, who sent him six tickets and a squad car; whereupon [redacted] took Pegler to task for kicking his real friends in the FBI in the teeth who had really helped him in the past for a few football tickets given him by the New York Police Department. [redacted] stated that he tore into Pegler and told him that he had been giving aid and comfort to the Communists by his attacks on the Bureau; that he, [redacted] never thought he would live to see the day when Pegler could be bought with a few football tickets. [redacted] definitely stated he got a reaction from Pegler.

At that time I told [redacted] of our report of a speech Pegler had made Monday night. [redacted] agreed that Pegler is wholly unpredictable, but he is glad to hear that he did make a speech.

*V. m.*

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TO : Mr. Tolson

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FROM : L. B. Nichols

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WESTBROOK

For record purposes, I am attaching the Pegler column of October 20, 1953, wherein he criticizes George Sokolsky. George Sokolsky and Pegler have been close friends for years. Sokolsky is burnt up over Pegler's cracks at him and has been burnt up over Pegler's attacks on the Bureau. George has told me that he is patiently waiting to pay Pegler back in kind.

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FAIR ENOUGH:

# Movie Reds Creep Back

BY WESTBROOK PEGLER

Many of the Hollywood Reds who were poked out from under the corner by J. B. Matthews, Bob Stripling, Joe McCarthy and other fierce pro-Americans are slinking back into the movies under a sort of amnesty granted by public indifference, abetted by the same shrewd businessmen who paid them fortunes for years, never even suspecting that they were traitors to the Land of Opportunity. Others in a lower category, the fellow-travelers who were just poor innocent dupes, too smart enough to scramble to the top of a cut-throat business, have been going thru a confidential penitential process organized by George Sokolsky, the columnist. Sokolsky and I agree on communists in principle but I do not respect his writs of absolution. I say that the likes of Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, Judy Holliday, Edward G. Robinson, Danny Kaye and Lucille Ball should not be let off too lightly.



Pegler

I was in the Statler in Washington when the Hollywood committee for the First Amendment blew in on a great wind of publicity to discredit the expose of the treason and inflict financial and spiritual hurt on Morrie Ryskind, Jim McGuinness, Adolphe Menjou and Patterson McNutt, who were Red-baiters when it took courage to bait Reds. I saw these precious fakers cutting up day after day and having a wonderful time. They were some of the cleverest people in the amusement trade, they knew exactly what they were doing and they did it for a purpose which later became inconvenient from both the social and financial angles.

Never ask me to forgive anyone who has hurt me or my friends unless he begs forgiveness. And don't expect me to waive penance even then. These people haven't suffered at all to compensate the anguish that was inflicted on the loyal men that I have mentioned and on many others who were simply whispered out of their jobs and their careers by a conspiracy deep within the industry.

I have received more letters from readers all over indorsing the proposition that Lucille Ball hasn't earned the kind consideration that was bespoken, even demanded, for her, than on any other essay of mine in years. This woman was no gullible child when she registered as a Communist voter. She took the risk knowingly and she kept her trap shut until the truth caught up with her. I have never had a word of evidence that any of that impudent band in the Statler that week ever had the mercy to touch the hand of any proud but heart-broken victim of the ostracism and offer to try to break the boycott. The advertising agency which handles the Lucille Ball show sent out a brochure of lenient editorial and "press comment," but I noticed that one item lifted from the Associated Press was repeated many times under the title lines of as many papers. This made a little look like a lot. The A.P. story was loaded for this woman, tho' not by an editorial slant, and a careless reader might get a

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false impression that all those scattered papers condoned her act of registering to vote Communists.

It is true that Bogart and his wife, Bacall, announced soon after this impudent demonstration that they realized that they had made a mistake. But I have never learned that they did anything to atone for that mistake and the penitent doesn't get off merely by saying "skip it." I want them to tell us who else was implicated in that mistake, who thought it up, and what amend was offered to those who suffered the sneers, frustrations and heartaches that pro-Americans were put to.

I reported recently that one Dale Kramer had done a book on juvenile crime with Madeline Karr, the wife of David Katz, alias Karr, Drew Pearson's legman who was spotted in the State department, during the leakage of highly confidential stuff about Russia to Pearson's column. Both Madeline and Dave have worked for the Communist Daily Worker in New York and Kramer had worked for the Communist New Masses, which said he had been "active in the Farm Holiday association," which was crawling with Communists. Howard Rushmore, a reformed Communist who really turned to and fought the treason, has stated that he sat with Kramer in actual party councils having to do with proposed revolution of midwestern farmers in the early '30's.

A publicity handout from Henry Holt & Co., which put out this book, said Mrs. Katz and Kramer would be called to testify about teen-age gangs before Sen. Hendrickson's subcommittee on juvenile delinquency. This was sheer ballyhoo under the imprint of a woman named Maureen McManus, a press-agent for the publisher. On this point Sen. Hendrickson writes: "I have never given any such commitment and know of no plans of this subcommittee to hear these persons."

Now the same Kramer has done a biography of Adolph Zukor, published by Putman. Ed Sullivan, the great philosopher of television, who used Paul Draper on his show after Draper began his litigious harassment of Mrs. John T. McCullough of Greenwich, Conn., took occasion to plug this Kramer work in print but got his facts so badly jumbled that he had to rub it all out and start over. One is permitted to wonder why Zukor picked Kramer to do his memoirs and to wonder how a man as wise as this elder statesman of a trade so often cordial to Reds could be an innocent dupe after 50 years in the movies. Sullivan also announced that he was using Lauren Bacall on television which he has as much right to do as I have to spurn some products and prefer others. However, Mr. Sullivan's master feat is not concerned with politics but is an old eulogy of a wife-beating bootlegger, racketeer and gunman of prohibition days who turned up dead by violence. This broke Mr. Sullivan's heart. His friend went by the alias of Frankie Marlowe. This prose memorial is a classic so precious that, as far as I know, all the copies but one have disappeared from the old files. That one is mine.

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# THESE DAYS

By George Sokolsky

The theft of the atom bomb by Dr. Klaus Fuchs and the Rosenberg apparatus reduced the value of offensive planning by the United States. The investigation into treachery at Fort Monmouth by the McCarthy committee and the Department of the Army indicates that enough has been stolen to reduce the value of the defensive planning by the United States. Soviet Russia has brilliantly conducted its espionage work relating to the Manhattan project and the atomic energy commission. This was made possible by Presidential order during the Roosevelt Administration, altho the AEC came into being in 1946. Roosevelt and Churchill came to an agreement that British scientists sent to this country to work on atomic and other scientific projects would not be screened by the United States. Thus, Dr. Klaus Fuchs, Dr. Bruno Pontecorvo, and other British scientists, who turned out to be Russian spies, were never screened by anybody. The responsibility for this must be fixed.

## Spying Is Old Story

It is inevitable that investigations into espionage open new doors all the time. One thing leads to another. It must be noted, however, that little of the main body of data is new. Actually, in many important instances, the lines of suspicion have been clear for many years. For instance, the existence of the Harold Ware cell, of which Alger Hiss was a member, was organized as far back as 1934 and was known to the Dies committee as early as 1938. Dr. William Wirt, the educator of Gary, Indiana, exposed it even earlier and was literally hounded to death by the ensuing ridicule and humiliation.

Most of the spies and subversives were not only retained in their positions but they were promoted. Alger Hiss became the dominant personality in the State department, Harry Dexter White in the Treasury department, the Departments of Commerce, Agriculture and Interior were infiltrated. During the war years, the defense agencies were deeply infiltrated. It takes time to rediscover data that reaches back as far as 1934; it takes time to open new leads.

Be it said that just as James P. McGranery aided in hunting down espionage in the short period that he was attorney general under President Truman, so Robert T. Stevens, the current Secretary of the Army, is doing a magnificent job in this field at the present time. No cover-up is possible while he is Secretary of the Army. President Eisenhower has now issued an order to dismiss government officials who plead the Fifth Amendment before congressional committees.

The value of the congressional committee is that it is permitted to go on fishing expeditions. Espionage is a conspiracy, directed by experts from a great distance. It is covert and hopes to leave no trails behind. The usual procedures in a court of law are inadequate and even with the best will to assist, the law officers can indict few spies for more than perjury. Alger Hiss was imprisoned for perjury, not for espionage.

## Use Fifth Amendment

Many of the continuing instances of espionage are not punishable for anything. Those who are obviously guilty and against whom the known evidence is conclusive, plead their rights under the Fifth Amendment and nothing can be done about it in a court of law. Practically all the known and living members of the original Harold Ware cell have been called before congressional committees, have pleaded the Fifth Amendment and are free to continue to spy on this country. Unless an ex-Communist or an ex-spy is willing to talk, it is almost impossible to make a case. That is why Louis Budenz, Elizabeth Bentley, Whittaker Chambers and similar persons are invaluable to the United States.

The executive session of the congressional investigations is valuable because data unavailable at public hearings is disclosed in the private sessions, even if subsequently smothered by the Fifth Amendment.

The McCarthy and Jenner committees have hit pay dirt in the country's interest.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE November 20, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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G.I.R.-7

Westbrook Pegler called me on November 19th. He inquired if I was sore at him. I asked him why. He said because of the way he stuck up for the Police and he asked me again if I was sore at him. I told him that I had more important things to be concerned with; that I just felt sorry for him. He wondered why I felt sorry for him. I told him that I always thought he had better judgment and that he could see through things and I was sorry to see him played for a sucker. He said well maybe that was right, but he just didn't want us to be sore at him because there are too many other people that we should be sore at collectively. I told him that this I thoroughly concurred with and naturally could not understand the diversionary tactics that he was employing and the manner in which he was playing into the hands of the enemy; that for a period of time I frankly wondered whether Lowenthal had converted him and for that reason I felt terribly sorry for him.

At this point Pegler said he was not sore at us. I told him I frankly did not care. He said if he said something we didn't like he didn't mean it to be offensive. I asked him how silly could he get. He then stated that as long as we were not sore with him that this made him feel better. I still kept telling him that I felt sorry for him. That was the conversation on that point.

He then told me that he had just run into some material which indicated a tie-up between Max Lowenthal and Martin Popper in connection with the Committee of the First Amendment and he wondered if I had any leads I could give him. I told him that I was almost afraid to give him anything because the last time I talked to him all I got was a kick in the teeth. Pegler insisted that he didn't intend it this way. I told him that the only suggestions I had on Lowenthal, since he denied that he had been converted by him, was to check his testimony before the House Committee and the speech by Congressman Dondero.

Pegler then inquired how "the boss was." I told him fine. He then asked if the boss was mad at him. I told him that as a matter of fact the subject matter had not come up and I was inclined to feel the boss felt sorry for him like I did. He then stated that if the boss was sore at him, he wanted me to tell the

cc - Mr. Jones

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boss that he, Pegler, was not sore and that the boss really "kicked hell out of them" on Tuesday. He thought the boss' presentation was excellent, that it would do a lot of good and this gave him an opportunity to pick up where he left off on Lowenthal and that he was going to work on Lowenthal. I told him we would have to wait and see because he might get in reverse before he got started. Pegler said if we just leave the New York cops alone we would always be on a very friendly basis. I told him that unfortunately we had no control over who was violating Federal laws that we have to investigate; that even if the New York cops or even if he violated any Federal laws, then we had no other choice but to do our duty and I had always thought that he was the type of person who would "raise hell" if the person did not do his duty, at least that was the gospel he had been preaching and I would hate to think he was hypocritical. Pegler insisted that he wasn't and he would feel better if we were not sore at him and that he was going to come down and see us in the near future.

I am more convinced than ever that Pegler is one of these unpredictable so-and-sds that probably even the good Lord cannot figure out what he will do next.

*I want no part of him -*

*H.*



November 16, 1953

Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Belmont	
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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir-

Enclosed is a clipping

Westbrook Pegler

which in my estimation is pure libel and the following definition of libel seems to bear me out. Re. "Defamation of character or reputation. Any writing, print, publication or picture calculated to injure the reputation or character of anyone and bring him or her into public contempt."

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Would it be possible to clear this up for me - how far can we maintain free press and protect our people who have done our country a great service. The public is being bombarded with so much of this sort of thing. I believe

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I can combat it in my own mind.  
But it will have to be brought home  
to millions who believe every thing  
they read. It is just as criminal as  
though they threaten their lives.

We need help Mr. Brown, to enable  
us to keep a mental balance in this  
respect where is a Communist not a  
Communist and where is an American  
Un-American?

Thank you for your indulgence

Very truly yours.

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**AS PEGLER SEES IT****Mrs. FDR's Sly Talk**

BY WESTBROOK PEGLER

The time has come to quit the degrading pretense that Eleanor Roosevelt is a holy lady, almost too good for this world, and snatch this wily old conspirator before Joe McCarthy's committee and chew her out.

Henry Morgenthau, Felix Frankfurter, Henry Wallace, Harry Truman, Harry Vaughan and a dozen others all deserve the same treatment.

This woman has been doing a sly job lately to take the heat off the disclosures that her husband loaded the government with spies for Soviet Russia. She intimates that, after all, Communism is not necessarily as bad as some emotional patriots think it is. Tito, the Communist, who wantonly murdered five American young men in an Air Force plane when he was running with Stalin just after the war, is a democratic nationalist. But Franco, of Catholic Spain, who stopped Stalin's drive for the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, is a Fascist tyrant. Incidentally, Tito was commander of one of the Red armies Franco routed in that war.

Her friend, the traitor, Alger Hiss, whom she defended with prejudicial propaganda aimed at the jury in his first trial, would have done less harm had he gone his treacherous way undiscovered, than McCarthy's loyal investigators have done us in our reputation with the peoples of Europe by their disclosure of treason to our country.

**Her Perennial Spiel**

So runs her spiel, year after year.

Eleanor Roosevelt deserves none of the idiotic respect with which so many of our newspapers handle her ever-bolder assaults on proprieties which were standard among us before her evil band descended on us.

The truth about this woman belongs to the people, not to officious editors, the Secret Service and the FBI.

Joe McCarthy or Bill Jenner could tear her to tatters if either of them should ever drag her to the stand. She deserves far less respect than any conventional woman. Her endless cackle about democracy and freedom has been a cover for a campaign of hatred against Catholic people, particularly in Spain.

It may be true, as Harry Truman snarled in his own defense that, in blurring the truth about Harry Dexter White,

Attorney General Brownell was making politics to redress Republican losses in last week's election. I am a Republican but I too, suspect Brownell decided to make this disclosure at this time of treason by White and of connivance or toleration by Roosevelt and Truman as a strategem to create a major political issue to carry the fight to the Democrats from now to the presidential election of 1956.

**Good GOP Move**

If so, what would be wrong with that? It would be the first good political move the stumbling sycophants and trimmers around Eisenhower have made since he was nominated in Chicago.

But Brownell does not deserve forgiveness for holding back the news of this ghastly treason all this time. If the information belongs to our people now—and it certainly is not the private property of Eisenhower, Brownell or the Republican party—it belonged to us from the day the facts were established. Brownell had no decent right to save it for a partisan political coup.

Henry Morgenthau either planted, or permitted someone else to plant, Harry Dexter Weiss, alias White, in the Treasury. Morgenthau sent this traitor and spy to Europe on many missions in which he served the Soviets and betrayed us. In some of his activities he worked in close quarters with the official activities of Sen. Lehman, who was then engaged in esoteric economic operations in the conquered countries.

**Carpet-Bag Scheme**

These dark doings were part of a vast carpet-bagging scheme to strip the enemy of his property for the benefit of Russia and other nations—but never for the benefit of the taxpayers of the United States.

Wallace set up a mournful wail the day after Weiss, or White, died, whether by suicide or coronary, that this dear friend and colleague of his had been done to death by the House Committee of Un-American Activities. That wasn't so, but Bubblehead's pal was lucky he didn't die before a firing squad.

There are many like him remaining who ought to go to the Sing Sing prison chair as the Rosenbergs did and may go yet if the Senate committees and Velde's House committee can conquer their bashfulness and go after the central figures.

Don't speak of my disclosures of truth about the Roosevelt woman as a feud. Does a cop wage feud when he performs his honorable office against a dangerous denizen of his official purview?

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Dear [REDACTED]

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The interest which prompted your letter of November 16, 1953, with enclosure, is sincerely appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, libel matters are not within the jurisdiction of the FBI. It is not possible for me, as a matter of policy, to make any statement regarding this subject in answer to your inquiry.

With regard to the topic of Communism, it is a pleasure for me to enclose some material which I thought you would like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Breaking the Communist Spell  
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Don't Be Duped by the Communists  
Make the Communists Show their own Colors  
100 Things You should know about Communism  
Could Your Child Become a Red

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TO : Mr. Tolson *V. m.*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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 [redacted] confidentially advised me today that Westbrook Pegler is visiting the Dominican Republic and that Pegler told [redacted] that the New York Police were giving him an escort to the boat and were putting him on the boat; that the New York Police had given him a gold badge and were giving him some kind of a rifle salute when they put him on the boat.

[redacted] asked if this was the way the New York Police Department was buying his column. Pegler got very irritated [redacted] for this.

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FROM : L. B. Nichols

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 [REDACTED] called me at home Sunday evening and said he had now heard everything. Westbrook Pegler just called him and told him to do Pegler a favor; that he should come down and see me personally, not talk to me on the telephone. Pegler's libel suit with Quentin Reynolds is now before Judge Dimock. Pegler wants to attack Dimock in open court and ask that Dimock be disqualified; that Roy Cohn had told Pegler that Dimock has some relations who are Commies, has Commie contacts, and that some of his decisions in the recent Smith Act cases against some of the Communist leaders were definitely pro-Communist. What Pegler wants is some ammunition to support his charge.

[REDACTED] stated that he told Pegler that he must be crazy; that it has not been too long ago when Pegler was carrying on an attack against the Bureau and that he, [REDACTED] frankly, did not see how the Bureau could be of any help to him.

I told [REDACTED] that he was definitely correct; that obviously we could not make available anything from the confidential files of the Bureau for private litigation, nor could we give him any leads, nor could we be of any possible assistance to him.

*Right*  
 [REDACTED] wondered who the prosecuting attorney was who handled the thirteen Commie leaders. I told him I did not know whether it was Myles Lane or Irving Saypol, but thought Roy Cohn would know.

I further told [REDACTED] in response to his inquiry that there was no point in my even checking the files because we were so swamped with work at the present time; that even if we found anything, we could not give it to him and thus it was just a waste of time.

cc: Mr. Boardman  
 Mr. Rosen

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Mr. Tolson ☒ *Handwritten initials*  
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Mr. Nichols ☒  
Mr. Belmont ☒  
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Mr. Tracy ☐  
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Mr. Winterrowd ☐  
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Miss Gandy ☐

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Note and Return ☐  
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The Constitution is the stabilizer of our system of government.

—WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST

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## Now You're Talking!

**QUESTION:** Does the Oppenheimer Suspension Make You Apprehensive of the Loyalty of Other Atomic Project Employees?



No. I'll go with the FBI's opinion on the loyalty of the other employees. If the FBI is satisfied, that's enough for me.

Oppenheimer's past alleged friendship with Communists was known when he was designated to personally build our first atom bomb. He and all his associates have been under scrutiny for years and it seems senseless to question their loyalty now.

**MISS DOROTHY JANKOFF,**  
bookkeeper  
43d Street  
Brooklyn, N. Y.



Yes. These men possess the best scientific brains of the country. When it appears that some of them associate with Communists it is

time for a re-check of the whole group. I can't see how our Government can suspect the top atomic scientist as a security risk and not expect everyone to have some sort of qualms about the remaining apples in the barrel.

**JACK COHEN,** manager  
Sterling Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.

No. I do not feel that Oppenheimer was the type



## Three Ring Circus



## Kremlin Jitters

As Pegler Sees

## The D

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

**T**HE Communist conspiracy in the United States recently nounced much more in the issue of Dave Schine's possibly fictitious privilege. The Communists were ad



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*Being justified by faith, we have peace with God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.—Romans, V, 1.*  
(Text by Rev. Dr. J. Edgar Hoover, U.S. Department of Justice, New York, N.Y.)

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By **Burris Jenkins Jr.**



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Report**

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The Hearst Newspapers are independent newspapers, and in recent years have tended to support Republican candidates. But the performances of some people we've supported has been enough to make you wonder if we all wouldn't be better off to support qualified Democratic candidates now and then.

The blunt truth is that the recent troubles have come from the liberal, anti-anti-Communist wing of the Republican Party, and millions of voters may take a dim view of this in November.

I don't know about you, but I'd rather have a true Democrat than a renegade Republican any day.

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**I**N THE SPRING young—and old—newspapermen's fancies lightly turn to thoughts of—reviewing their own trade.

A fortnight ago the American Society of Newspaper Editors met in Washington, and this past week the American Newspaper Publishers Association gathered in New York for their annual conclave.

Now what editors and publishers do at their yearly get-togethers would ordinarily be of no more general interest than news from other conventions except that, being so influential in shaping public opinion, we always hear very high level speeches from the country's top officials. Said officials generally take advantage of this audience to use it as a sounding board.

Ten days ago Vice-President Nixon made his now-famous, controversial speech to the editors and Thursday night President Eisenhower made what was billed as an important policy speech to the publishers.

If you ask me, the editors got the better of it.

Nixon's "Not for Attribution" speech—and subsequent answers to questions from the floor—caused world-wide repercussions when the identity of the speaker became known. His remark that we might conceivably send troops to Indochina was, I still think, rather distorted in its interpretation.

**Hypothetical Question**

**It:**

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racy in the made an an- important than trifling and in the Army.

mined aristocrats, under Kerensky. Nor was the Communist revolution, which came later, a mass uprising of the oppressed. It was a directed coup by Lenin and Trotsky. It is plainly idiotic to be-

dangerous to our country. Princeton thinks enough of him to keep him on its staff and if there were any question of his loyalty, or that of his associates, they would let him go. It's interesting to note that all top scientists who worked with Oppenheimer vouch for him 100 per cent.

**MRS. ETHEL KLEITMAN,**  
dress buyer  
Polo Road, Great Neck, L. I.

No. If they have been OK'd by the FBI that is good enough for me. Inasmuch as Oppenheimer himself was thoroughly checked and investigated before producing the bomb, and in the years following, he should be given a free rein to go on with his work. I for one feel very safe in the hands of the FBI.

**SAMUEL SHAW,** salesman  
Avenue "H"  
Brooklyn, N. Y.



Yes, it certainly does make me apprehensive of the others. The possibility of the H-bomb being in the hands of persons who would be interested in delivering its secrets to Russia is terrifying. I can't understand how the Government permitted Oppenheimer to head its atomic research, all the while realizing he had at least been mentioned in connection with Communists, through his wife's brother.

**MRS. MARY BRENNER,**  
housewife  
East 176th St., Bronx, N. Y.



Yes. Where there is smoke, there must be fire. Who knows the exact status of the men he may have employed or approved? No doubt the FBI does, but I think everyone on the project should be thoroughly rechecked. As for Dr. Oppenheimer, even if exonerated, he should not be reinstated.

**BOBBY GLEASON,**  
gym owner and boxing mgr.  
Westchester Ave., Bronx, N.Y.

Over the Petrov affair has caused very little, if any, consternation in the land Down Under but it is an open indication of violent attack of the shakes that has seized the Kremlin.

Troubling the minds of the Kremlin mob and causing, we hope, sleepless nights is the question: How many more of our diplomats, spies, how many more of our secret agents, are going to flee to the other side and spill their information?

In fact, official sources in Australia regard this fear as the real reason for the diplomatic break. They believe the Kremlin wants to get its entire diplomatic staff out of there fast to prevent further defections.

Vladimir Petrov was third secretary of the Soviet Embassy but actually he was the big wheel of the Soviet secret police in Australia. He sought and obtained asylum April 13, bringing with him a mass of documents pin-pointing the Russian spy setup there. Subsequently his wife was rescued dramatically from an attempt to take her to Moscow by two Soviet thugs.

Before Petrov there was Yuri Rastvorov, chief Soviet spy agent in Japan, who surrendered himself to the U. S. intelligence agency in January.

And after Petrov came Capt. Nikolai Khokhlov, a high secret agent who had been assigned to West Germany on a murder mission with a fantastic weapon—a cigaret case that silently shot cyanide bullets. He gave himself up to U. S. authorities a few days ago.

As concerns the rupture in diplomatic relations, despatches say Australia is reacting with relief rather than alarm. These relations have been mostly empty formality for years anyway, and Britain can take care of whatever interests Canberra still has with Moscow.

As we said a few days ago, we admire the way Australia acted in the case of Petrov and his wife. Now we admire Australia more for the realistic composure in facing this latest development. It all adds up to this truism: If you're going to take a stand against Communism, you've got to be tough and firm.

And that applies both to individuals and nations.

parties and, in effect, to erupt from within. This omen was just barely repressed of New York, by monumental coverage of privileges which Private Se to have enjoyed.

The fact need hardly be the Democratic Party has home-like alternate party ever since Roosevelt's first Pro-American Democrats by the fact, but their resentment directed at the people it out rather than at the made the infiltration possible widow and their traitorous

The Republican Party, infected, especially in the General Eisenhower indicates to become the Republic. However, the Republic are of a paler hue, being columnists whose affection hower warmed as the odds man lengthened. All loyal of both parties, and most loyal, owe it to their country their knowledge of this thing so, they must abandon some and acknowledge some fact have become dimly aware since Yalta.

## Erroneous Belief

The superstition that represents a revolt of superstition against oppression by the utterly obsolete.

but many well-meaning Americans committed themselves to be so

Actually, in Soviet Russia the Czar was organized with little bloodshed by a

## Sketches

By BEN BURROUGHS  
CHILDISH GAMES

THE cheerful games that . . . are wonderful to game of two-hand football of ping game of scotch . . . I can't explain . . . observing . . . they hold the key to things they do and say . . . games are in effect . . . just of life . . . that older folks . . . to conquer every strife their games with will to win each try their best . . . and they prepare . . . to stand test . . . yes, childish games . . . the time when I was then to play the game of life . . . games fair.

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Communism.

There is strong evidence that the financial backers of the Central powers and the Kaiser's government were responsible for the overthrow of Kerensky's feeble revolutionary government and the rise of Bolshevism. Lenin was allowed to travel across Germany from Switzerland to Petrograd. The purpose of the Central powers was to liquidate the feeble front that the Kerensky regime was trying to maintain. We and the British let Trotsky get out of New York and proceed to Petrograd. In our case, probably, the Marxists were strong in the Wilson Administration but were not then recognized as enemies of all Western culture and self-government. We had a well-established hatred of "Czarism." The financial backers of the Central powers may have had no other purpose than to help the Kaiser win and thus get back their investments.

## Yielded to Fascism

Anyway, the rise of Communism in Russia was no popular movement. The same is true of the Bela Kun regime and other Communist risings in the Balkans, all of which yielded to nationalistic fascist counter-revolutions in due course. Herbert Hoover pointed out a few years ago that Soviet Russia was, up to that time the only country in which Communism had not given way to Fascism by one name or another.

Certainly the Communist dictatorships in Poland and Czechoslovakia were imposed by relatively few experts, some being native traitors, and professional Russian agents of the Kremlin.

In our country, some of the most prominent traitors have been men and women who inherited great fortunes. Most of these individuals are the remnants, of bad families which have lived dissolutely for two or three generations, culminating in jaded, cynical heirs with no moral strength and no faith in anything.

The truth is that the Communist Party here, as in Germany, never had a large membership. Many of us made the mistake of believing that the size of the Communist vote in Germany, 50,000 out of some 5,000,000 in one election which was cited as the key, proved that the Nazi clamor against the menace of Communism was a wicked ruse. But the Communists, as we have since learned, are a disciplined, fanatical element of unscrupulous traitors to all that we of the Western culture deem good and holy.

We are not organized. The confusion and contention between and within the Republican and Democratic parties plainly prove that. We are told that in our country now there are only 25,000 Communists, half the number that voted the Communist ticket in that German election. But the evidence shows that this tiny minority has powers of penetration and treachery far out of proportion to its numerical strength.

men and materials, to the floor asking whether he thought the region valuable enough to warrant sending American forces to Indochina, in case the French pulled out, that the Vice-President made the remark.

As you can see, this is a pretty "if-y," hypothetical question. Dick Nixon's answer was that he did not believe the French would pull out, but if they did he, personally, thought it was important enough.

His words were immediately interpreted as a statement of Administration policy and intentions and as a trial balloon.

I may be wrong, but I don't believe Dick had in mind that people should interpret it that way, nor do I believe that the exact wording of his reply was known to, or cleared in advance, by the President.

I don't believe President Eisenhower would be foolish enough to send our foot-soldiers into the continent of Asia. Planes, materiel and money, yes—but I don't believe it's in his mind to send troops, as I think he knows this country would simply not stand for another Korea.

However, the Nixon speech had the great virtue of being blunt and candid, and provided the distinct relief of hearing a government official face up honestly to the serious implications of what has been set in motion in Asia, instead of trying to cover up or delude the American people with reassuring and misleading phrases.

## Ike Stressed Unity

President Ike's speech the other night, rather stolidly I thought, stressed the theme of unity. Now everybody's for that, so he didn't get much of an argument from the floor. Nor did he, it pains me to report, get much of a hand, either.

Like the country preacher his position on sin is that "he's agin' it."

He!! Who ain't?

About the only time he was interrupted with applause was when he paid a sincere and well-deserved compliment—off-the-cuff—to Secretary of State Dulles for his persevering efforts in the world of foreign affairs.

I don't think Dulles' strength was at first very generally appreciated by the American people. But from the way the publishers reacted, and from what I can gather myself, his stock is going up steadily.

The Eisenhower Administration is definitely following a hard, realistic and risky line in its dealings with not only the Communists, but also with our Allies.

Secretary Dulles has consistently followed a tough line and Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., has reflected this attitude by his venturesome but skillful diplomacy in the United Nations.

Whether or not you agree with every aspect of Eisenhower foreign policy, I think you must admit that it by-passes appeasement and realistically faces the Communist challenge.

As the Geneva talks get under way, I feel certain that the American delegation will scorn compromises with our national honor and negotiate in a manner that will enhance American prestige.

*William Randolph Hearst*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *FW*DATE: May 24, 1954 *W. P. D.*FROM : Mr. Winterrowd *W. P. D.*

Time of call: 12:01 P.M.

SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING *Pegler*

Tolson	_____
Ladd	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Clegg	_____
Glavin	_____
Harbo	_____
Rosen	_____
Tracy	_____
Mohr	_____
Trotter	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Supervisor Handley of the New York Division called to advise that contrary to Westbrook Pegler's promise to get in touch with SAC Kelly over this last week-end (May 22-23, 1954), Pegler did not call. It is recalled we have been endeavoring to contact Pegler and advise him that he and his attorney should advise Judge Weinfeld of the allegation that a member of the Federal Grand Jury was calling up people and "talking about the case." The "case" refers to a libel action in Federal Court in which Pegler is the defendant and Reynolds is the plaintiff.

Since May 20, 1954, calls have been made to Pegler's secretary for an appointment with negative results. Pegler, late Friday evening, May 21, 1954, advised he would be in touch with the New York Office over the week-end. To date, however, he has not made this contact.

ACTION BEING TAKEN:

Supervisor Handley advised that the New York Division felt that if Pegler does not contact their office today, May 24, 1954, that the matter should be brought to the attention of his attorney on the morning of Tuesday, May 25, 1954.

Handley was advised that this course of action would be proper, particularly in view of the fact that Pegler has not seen fit to get in touch with us in connection with a matter he originally reported.

cc: Mr. Nichols

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *Rw*

DATE: May 20, 1954

FROM : Mr. Evans *2rs*

Time of Call: 6:04 PM

SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER -  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Tolson ☒  
Ladd ☒  
Nichols ☒  
Belmont ☒  
Clegg ☒  
Glavin ☒  
Harbo ☒  
Rosen ☒  
Tracy ☒  
Mohr ☒  
Trotter ☒  
Winterrowd ☒  
Tele. Room ☒  
Holloman ☒  
Miss Gandy ☒

ASAC A. J. Marchessault, New York Office, advised that he has been unsuccessful to date in contacting Pegler or his personal secretary. He stated that he is continuing his attempts to contact Pegler.

You will recall that the New York Office was instructed on May 19, 1954, to have SAC Kelly or some other responsible official of the New York Division personally contact Mr. Pegler and inform him of Assistant U. S. Attorney Arnold Bauman's decision to the effect that Pegler's complaint is not within the purview of the U. S. Attorney's Office or that of the Bureau unless and until a request is received from Judge Weinfeld. You will also recall that Pegler's complaint was in regard to information he had received from a news reporter to the effect that a member of a Federal jury in the Southern District of New York was calling up people and "talking about the case." According to Pegler, he is a defendant in this case which is a libel action in the Federal Court, Southern District of New York. Quentin Reynolds is the plaintiff. Bauman has stated that the case involves a civil suit in which the Government is not a party in interest. The New York Office had also been instructed to point out to Pegler the responsibility that he and his attorney have to inform Judge Weinfeld of the situation.

ACTION:

None. This is for your information.

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cc: Mr. Nichols

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The Attorney General

May 27, 1954

Director, FBI

WESTBROOK PEGLER  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

I thought you would be interested in a complaint received by the New York Field Division of this Bureau from Westbrook Pegler.

On May 19, 1954, Mr. Pegler telephonically advised our New York Office at 12:16 a.m. that he was a defendant in a libel action in Federal Court, Southern District of New York. Quentin Reynolds is the plaintiff. Mr. Pegler advised that on the afternoon of May 18 he noticed about six individuals whom he, Pegler, described as "typical goons" talking to Oliver Pilat, a writer for the "New York Post." Mr. Pegler stated that as he left the U. S. Court House on the evening of May 18, these individuals gave him "significant glances." He stated he was not suggesting physical violence by use of the phraseology "significant glances" and did not indicate the exact meaning of this comment. Mr. Pegler further advised that these individuals had been seen by him in colloquy with [REDACTED] whom he described as a "Communist." Mr. Pegler stated that [REDACTED] demonstrated against him in the court house on May 14.

Mr. Pegler advised that during the evening of May 18 he was informed by a news reporter whom he considers reliable that a male member of the jury sitting on this case was calling up people and "talking" about the case. He desired to pass this information along to the Bureau and stated the Bureau should take some action in regard to the juror.

The information obtained from Mr. Pegler was discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney Arnold Bauman, Chief of the Criminal Division, Southern District of New York, on May 19, 1954. Mr. Bauman advised that "it is not within our purview unless and until a request is received from Judge Weinfeld, and then it would constitute nothing more than contempt of court." Judge Weinfeld is hearing the libel action involving Mr. Pegler. Mr. Bauman pointed out further that this matter is actually of no concern to the U. S. Attorney's Office since it involves a civil suit in which the Government is not a party in interest. He further

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advised that the U. S. Attorney's Office was not going to report this matter to Judge Weinfeld since this should be done by Mr. Pegler or his attorney.

In view of the opinion obtained from Mr. Bauman, attempts were made to contact Mr. Pegler. Finally on May 21, 1954, at 9:38 p.m., Mr. Pegler telephonically contacted our New York Field Division. At that time, Mr. Pegler stated that he did not want to receive the information over the telephone as he believed his telephone was tapped. He stated that he would rather not take the information until he had discussed the matter with his attorney as it might be something he would be called upon to testify in court. Upon Mr. Pegler's insistence, arrangements were made for him to contact the New York Field Office on May 22, 1954.

Inasmuch as Mr. Pegler did not keep his appointment for Saturday, May 22, at the New York Field Division of this Bureau, arrangements were finally made to furnish the opinion of Assistant U. S. Attorney Bauman to Mr. Charles Henry, counsel for Mr. Pegler in this matter. This was done on May 25, 1954.

Judge Weinfeld called Special Agent in Charge J. J. Kelly of our New York Field Division on May 26, 1954, and indicated that during court session that morning Mr. Pegler had mentioned that the FBI had been in touch with him on Friday, May 21, 1954. According to Judge Weinfeld, Pegler indicated the FBI had some information for him. The Judge observed that from the comments made by Pegler the record appeared as though the FBI had independent information to the effect that one of the petit jurors was calling up people and "talking about the case."

Judge Weinfeld was immediately informed of the entire situation. It was pointed out that the sole source of our information was the original telephone call from Pegler and that we had no independent information concerning the juror. Judge Weinfeld observed that the whole thing may be a figment of Pegler's imagination and that he could not very well call in the juror and accuse him of talking about the case until there is something more tangible offered.

At the request of Judge Weinfeld, arrangements were made for Mr. Kelly to go to his court on May 26, 1954, in order to clarify the record. Judge Weinfeld, at the time he requested

Kelly to appear, observed that Kelly's testimony would be in closed session for the purpose of guarding against any publicity.

In accordance with the request of Judge Weinfeld, Kelly appeared in his chambers on May 26, 1954. At that time it was made very clear and very definite that the FBI had made strenuous efforts to convey to Mr. Pegler or his attorney the opinion of Assistant United States Attorney Bauman and that the FBI had no independent knowledge of the substance of the allegation nor had it made any investigation regarding the matter. Judge Weinfeld stated that the matter was cleared up to his satisfaction and thanked the Bureau for its courtesy.

After the hearing Kelly was approached by Mr. Pegler who stated that he had instructed his office not to get in touch with him because "He did not wish to be in the position of knowing anything of the FBI's investigation regarding this matter which the court might not know." Mr. Pegler now realizes that the only purpose in endeavoring to reach him was to convey to him the message that his information should be furnished to Judge Weinfeld.

Any further developments of interest concerning this matter will be promptly brought to your attention.

2:57 PM

May 26, 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. BOARDMAN  
MR. ROSEN  
MR. NICHOLS

I called Mr. Richard Berlin, President of Hearst Corporation, in New York to advise him further concerning Westbrook Pegler. Mr. Berlin had previously expressed an interest in this matter. I told Mr. Berlin that today in open court Pegler stated the FBI had been trying to contact him regarding an important matter and had given the court the impression that we had something vitally affecting his case. I stated that as a result of this the Judge asked SAC Kelly to appear and explain and clarify the matter. I told Mr. Berlin that SAC Kelly had been instructed to make it very clear that Pegler had contacted us and we were contacting him as a result of Pegler's original contact and that we had consulted the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York concerning this matter and the United States Attorney stated it was not a matter for the FBI. I also told Mr. Berlin that we had originally tried to get in touch with Mr. Pegler and had finally gotten him on the phone and he refused to talk over the phone and had indicated he would contact Kelly at the office but he had never contacted our New York Office and then had suddenly made the above announcement in court today. Mr. Berlin asked if it would not inconvenience us that if anything else turns up on Pegler that Kelly get in touch with him before anything is done as he thought this was a very delicate situation and there was the possibility of a mistrial resulting. I told him we would be glad to do this.

Very truly yours,

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cc-Mr. Holloman

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DATE 5-26-54
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN

DATE: May 26, 1954

FROM : L. V. Boardman *lvb*

SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER  
MISCELLANEOUS - Information concerning

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Boardman ☒  
Nichols ☒  
Belmont ☒  
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Harbo ☒  
Rosen ☒  
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Tracy ☒  
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Winterrowd ☒  
Tele. Room ☒  
Holloman ☒  
Miss Gandy ☒

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SAC Kelly telephoned from New York at 1:37 p.m. today to advise that Judge Weinfeld had called him and indicated that during the court session this morning, wherein Pegler is a defendant in a libel action in Federal Court, Pegler had mentioned that the FBI had been in touch with him on Friday, 5/21/54, and indicated that it had some information for him. Judge Weinfeld observed that from the comments made by Pegler, the record appeared as though the FBI had independent information to the effect that one of the petit jurors was calling up people and "talking about the case."

SAC Kelly stated he immediately apprised Judge Weinfeld of the entire situation, and indicated that the FBI definitely had no independent information, and that the sole source of our information was the original telephone call from Pegler. Judge Weinfeld observed to SAC Kelly that the whole thing may be a figment of Pegler's imagination, and that he cannot very well call in the juror and accuse him of talking about the case until there is something more tangible offered. Judge Weinfeld stated, however, that he felt it would be well for SAC Kelly to come over to his court at 3:20 p.m. today, 5/26/54, and clarify the record, so that there will be no question in the record concerning this matter. Judge Weinfeld observed that Kelly's testimony for the record would be in closed session, for the purpose of guarding against any publicity.

I instructed Kelly to appear in Judge Weinfeld's court and narrate in complete, clear detail, the entire situation, so that there could be no question concerning the fact that we had no independent knowledge, and had been endeavoring, in compliance with the instruction of the Assistant U. S. Attorney, to get in touch with Pegler, and finally, because of Pegler's conduct, it had been necessary to inform Pegler's attorney. I told SAC Kelly that I would mention the matter to the Director and, unless he heard to the contrary from me by 3 p.m., he should proceed as per instructions.

I briefed the Director on the matter, and he instructed that Kelly make it crystal clear that we had no independent knowledge and had been endeavoring to reach Pegler. The Director instructed that the complete story be clearly narrated, so that there could be no question concerning the facts.

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*[Signature]*



At 2:10 p.m., 5/26/54, I talked with ASAC A. J. Marchessault of the New York Office, in the absence of SAC Kelly, and instructed him to apprise SAC Kelly of the Director's instructions.

The Director requested that a memorandum be prepared to the Attorney General, providing him with the entire background of this situation.

**ACTION:**

I desire that there be prepared for the Attorney General a memorandum outlining in appropriate detail this entire situation, for the Attorney General's information.

5/27/54  
Memo Atty genl  
Jed

Jed

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN *Re*

DATE: May 19, 1954

FROM : F. L. PRICE *FLP*

CALL 11:07 A.M.  
12:30 P.M.

SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Ladd  
Nichols  
Belmont  
Clegg  
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Rosen  
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*John* SAC J. J. Kelly of New York was telephonically *(11:07 am 11-19)* instructed to promptly report to the United States Attorney the complaint received from Westbrook Pegler concerning information he received from a news reporter to the effect that a member of a Federal Jury in the Southern District of New York was calling up people and "talking about the case."

Kelly's attention was directed to the fact that Mr. Pegler had said that the Bureau should take some action in regard to this juror discussing this case with other people.

Kelly was instructed that this matter should be handled by him immediately and that he should advise the Bureau by telephone of the identity of the person he discussed the matter with in the United States Attorney's Office and of the reactions and decisions of the United States Attorney.

At 12:30 P.M. today Criminal Supervisor James Handley called back and advised that this matter had been discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney Arnold Bauman, Chief of the Criminal Division, Southern District of New York. Bauman advised "It is not within our purview unless and until a request is received from Judge Weinfeld (who is hearing the case) and then it would constitute nothing more than contempt of court." Bauman pointed out further that this matter is actually of no concern to the U. S. Attorney's Office since it involves a civil suit in which the Government is not a party in interest. Bauman stated that the U. S. Attorney's Office was not going to report the matter to Judge Weinfeld since this should be done by Mr. Pegler or his attorney.

Handley asked two questions of the Bureau: (1) Since Pegler should obviously be informed of the U. S. Attorney's decision since Pegler had reported the matter to the New York

cc: Mr. Nichols

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Memo to Mr. Rosen

Division, advice was requested of the Bureau as to whether the New York Division should inform Pegler or whether it was the Bureau's desire that it be handled with Mr. Pegler from Washington. (2) Since the U. S. Attorney was not informing the Judge and it was the feeling of the New York Division that the FBI should not inform the Judge since we only had hearsay information and it was the responsibility of Pegler or his attorney to notify the Judge of any report of improper actions on the part of the juror, the New York Division desired advice as to whether it was their duty to notify Judge Weinfeld.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. If you approve, it is recommended that the New York Division be instructed to have SAC Kelly or some other responsible official of the New York Division personally contact Mr. Pegler and inform him of Bauman's decision and point out the responsibility that Mr. Pegler and his attorney have to inform Judge Weinfeld of the situation.

2. It is further recommended that since the Government was not a party in interest and we have no firsthand information of the alleged improper conduct of the juror that the New York Division take no steps to notify Judge Weinfeld directly. This would appear to be proper since the U. S. Attorney's Office has indicated that this is the duty of Pegler and his attorney and not of the Government.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 19 1954

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
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WESTBROOK PEGLER - MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

AT TWELVE SIXTEEN A. M., THIS DATE WESTBROCK PEGLER TELEPHONECALLY ADVISED THIS OFFICE THAT HE IS A DEFENDANT IN A LIBEL ACTION IN FEDERAL COURT S. D. N. Y. IN WHICH QUENTIN REYNOLDS IS THE PLAINTIFF. PEGLER ADVISED THAT ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY EIGHTEENTH HE NOTICED ABOUT SIX INDIVIDUALS WHOM HE PEGLER DESCRIBED AS "TYPICAL GOONS" TALKING TO OLIVER PILAT A WRITER FOR THE NEW YORK POST AND AS HE PEGLER LEFT THE U. S. COURT HOUSE ON THE EVENING OF MAY EIGHTEENTH THESE GOONS GAVE HIM "SIGNIFICANT GLANCES". PEGLER STATED THAT BY THE TERM "SIGNIFICANT GLANCES" HE WAS NOT SUGGESTING PHYSICAL VIOLENCE IN FACT THIS WAS THE LAST THING HE WOULD SUGGEST, HE DID NOT INDICATE WHAT "SIGNIFICANT GLANCES" DID INFER. PEGLER FURTHER ADVISED THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD BEEN SEEN BY HIM IN COLLOQUY WITH "COMMUNIST" [REDACTED] WHO ACCORDING TO PEGLER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PEGLER WENT ON TO STATE THAT ON MAY THIRTEEN [REDACTED] DEMONSTRATED AGAINST HIM IN THE COURT HOUSE. DURING THE EVENING OF MAY EIGHTEEN PEGLER STATED THAT HE WAS INFORMED BY A NEWS REPORTER WHOM HE CONSIDERS RELIABLE THAT A MALE MEMBER OF THE JURY SITTING ON MAY TWENTY FIRST WAS CALLING UP PEOPLE AND "TALKING" ABOUT THE CASE. PEGLER STATED

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*I think matter should  
be promptly reported to  
U.S. Atty.*

THAT HE FELT THIS INFO SHOULD BE PASSED ALONG TO MR. NICHOLAS AND  
THAT THE BUREAU SHOULD TAKE SOME ACTION IN REGARD TO THIS JUROR  
DISCUSSING THE CASE WITH OTHER PEOPLE. NO COMMENT WAS MADE TO MR.  
PEGLER REGARDING ANY ACTION BY THE BUREAU RELATIVE TO HIS COMPLAINT.  
THE BUREAU-S ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE MAY FOURTEENTH LAST  
ISSUE OF THE NEW YORK POST WHEREIN APPEARS ON PAGE FOUR AN ARTICLE  
BY OLIVER PILAT CAPTIONED "PEGLER, AUTHOR CLASH, COURTS SETS  
TRUCE ZONE., " IN WHICH IT IS REPORTED THAT DALE KRAMER AUTHOR OF  
A BIOGRAPHY OF HEYWOOD BROWN PUBLISHED IN NINETEEN FORTYNINE  
AND PEGLER HAD CALLED EACH OTHER NAMES AFTER THE JURY LEFT THE ROOM  
ON MAY THIRTEEN AND THAT PEGLER ALLEDGED THAT KRAMER WAS THREATENING  
HIM. AFTER A HEARING IN CHAMBERS FEDERAL JUDGE WEINFELD ORDERED  
PEGLER AND KRAMER TO AVOID EACH OTHER VERBALLY AND OTHER WISE IN  
THE FUTURE.

KELLY -

346 AM OK FBI WA ELR

*5-19-54*  
*11 07 AM* SAC Kelly instructed  
to promptly report  
to OS. Atty and advise  
Bureau by phone of Results

*820 J. J. Jones*

*cc: Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Belmont*



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *TR*

DATE: May 21, 1954

FROM : Mr. Price *RP*

Time of call: 11:20 a.m.

SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*g* SAC J. J. Kelly of the New York Office telephonically advised that he has still been unable to locate Pegler to advise him of the U. S. Attorney's decision in this matter and to point out Pegler's responsibility to inform Judge Weinfeld of the situation.

Kelly states that Pegler's Office has been contacted on numerous occasions and messages have been left for Pegler to call Kelly but no call has been received. Pegler's Office has informed Kelly that Pegler can only be contacted through his confidential secretary and as a result of his calls, he has not received a call from the confidential secretary. Kelly desired to know if he should take further steps to contact Pegler.

ACTION TAKEN:

SAC Kelly was advised that since Pegler and his confidential secretary do not respond to business messages left at Pegler's Office, it does not seem that we should be required to conduct an investigation to get the message to Pegler and that he should continue to periodically check with Pegler's Office to make sure that they still have the message and if Pegler or his confidential secretary do not return the call within the next few days Kelly should so advise the Bureau and the U. S. Attorney and discontinue any further efforts to contact Pegler. Kelly advised that he did not have the name of Pegler's employee who had taken the message and he was instructed to obtain this employee's name in his next contact with Pegler's Office and make a record thereof.

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cc-Mr. Nichols

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *Rw*DATE: May 21, 1954 *7/2*FROM : Mr. Evans *213*

TIME OF CALL: 9:43 P.M.

SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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 Ladd ☒  
 Nichols ☒  
 Belmont ☒  
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 Harbo ☒  
 Rosen ☒  
 Tracy ☒  
 Mohr ☒  
 Trotter ☒  
 Winterrowd ☒  
 Tele. Room ☒  
 Holloman ☒  
 Miss Gandy ☒

*gm* SAC J. J. Kelly, New York, telephonically advised that yesterday and all day today he had been unable to locate Pegler or his personal secretary through King Features for which Pegler writes. He said that this afternoon he found out Pegler's private home telephone number. He called this number and spoke to Mrs. Pegler. Mrs. Pegler took the message that Mr. Kelly wanted to speak to her husband.

Kelly stated that just five minutes ago Pegler had returned his call. Pegler identified himself as the individual Mr. Kelly had been attempting to contact. Pegler said he thought that Kelly ought not to tell him what he wanted to over the telephone as he believed his phone was tapped. Kelly told Pegler that the information he had to give him was innocuous. Pegler insisted that he would rather not take the information until he had discussed the matter with his attorney as it might be something he would be called upon to testify in court. Kelly described Pegler as leary as a 12-year old girl.

Upon Pegler's insistence, Kelly honored his request and made arrangements for Pegler to contact him at the FBI Office in New York sometime tomorrow. Kelly advised that since no time was given as to when Pegler would contact the New York Office, he is making arrangements to have the supervisor on Saturday duty fully acquainted with the Bureau's instructions as to having Pegler advised of the U. S. Attorney's decision in this matter and to point out Pegler's responsibility to inform Judge Weinfeld of the situation.

ACTIONNone. This is for your information. *62-36434-220*

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cc: Mr. Nichols

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Boardman ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Belmont ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Harbo ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
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Tele. Room ✓  
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ATTENTION MR. L.V. BOARDMAN

WESTBROOK PEGLER, MISC INFO CONCERNING. AT ONE THIRTY PM THIS DATE  
MR. CHARLES ~~X~~ HENRY, <sup>N.Y.</sup> TRIAL ATTORNEY FOR PEGLER, WAS TELEPHONICALLY  
CONTACTED AND HE WAS ADVISED OF MR. PEGLER-S TELEPHONE CALL OF MAY  
NINETEEN LAST, AND OF AUSA BAUMAN-S OPINION, IT BEING POINTED OUT THAT  
IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PEGLER AND/OR HIS ATTORNEY TO  
INFORM JUDGE WEINFELD OF THE SITUATION. HENRY STATED HE WAS VERY  
MUCH DISTURBED ABOUT THIS INFORMATION AND STATED THAT HE ONLY  
WISHED HE HAD KNOWN ABOUT IT. HENRY THEN INQUIRED AS TO WHAT WE  
THINK HE SHOULD DO AND HE WAS ADVISED THAT WE WERE NOT IN A POSITION  
TO ADVISE HIM ON THIS MATTER BUT WERE JUST LETTING HIM KNOW THE  
FACTS AND THAT IT WAS UP TO HIM OR PEGLER TO ADVISE JUDGE WEINFELD.  
HENRY INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT WE HAD CONDUCTED SUFFICIENT  
INVESTIGATION INTO THIS SITUATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THERE  
WAS ANYTHING TO THE INFORMATION THAT PEGLER GAVE US OR WAS IT JUST  
"HOG WASH". HENRY WAS ADVISED THAT WE CONDUCTED NO INVESTIGATION  
IN VIEW OF AUSA BAUMAN-S OPINION AND THAT WE HAD BEEN TRYING TO  
GET IN CONTACT WITH PEGLER SINCE MAY TWENTY TO NO AVAIL AND THAT  
WE WERE JUST ADVISING HIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUSA BAUMAN-S  
OPINION. HENRY WAS THANKFUL AND APPRECIATIVE FOR THE INFORMATION  
AND STATED HE WOULD TAKE IT UP WITH PEGLER.

KELLY

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MAY 26 1954

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Sizoo	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

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DIRECTOR URGENT

ATTN. MR. L. V. BOARDMAN.

WESTBROOK PEGLER, MISC INFO CONC. RENTELS MAY NINETEENTH AND TWENTYFIFTH. JUDGE EDWARD WEINFELD, US DISTRICT COURT, SDNY, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE WRITER TODAY AND REQUESTED THAT HE APPEAR AT THE JUDGE-S CHAMBERS AT TWELVE FIFTY PM. UPON ARRIVAL THE JUDGE STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN CONDUCTING A PRIVATE HEARING IN HIS CHAMBERS ON PEGLER-S ALLEGATION OF JURY TAMPERING AND STATED THAT PEGLER MENTIONED THAT HE HAD RECD A TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE FBI WITH REFERENCE TO THE MATTER INDICATING THAT THE FBI HAD SOME INFORMATION FOR HIM ABOUT IT. AT THAT TIME I TOLD THE JUDGE THE FACTS OF THE MATTER, SPECIFICALLY THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN IMMEDIATELY HANDLED BY CONSULTATION WITH THE US ATTORNEY AND THAT AUSA ARNOLD BAUMAN ADVISED THE MATTER WAS NOT WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE FBI AND THAT THE FACTS OF PEGLER-S COMPLAINT SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN TO JUDGE WEINFELD BY EITHER PEGLER OR HIS ATTORNEY. IT WAS EXPLAINED TO THE JUDGE THAT IMMEDIATE AND INTENSIVE EFFORTS WERE MADE TO LOCATE PEGLER RESULTING FINALLY IN PEGLER-S REACHING THE WRITER FRIDAY EVENING.

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G.W. [signature]

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ACCEPTING THE CALL THE WRITER WAS INFORMED BY PEGLER THAT HE DID NOT WISH UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES TO DISCUSS THE MATTER. THE WRITER STATED THAT HE HAD INFO WHICH PEGLER SHOULD KNOW, THE NATURE OF WHICH WAS INNOCUOUS SINCE IT DID NOT PERTAIN TO THE MERITS OF THE MATTER ABOUT WHICH HE ORIGINALLY SPOKE. MR. PEGLER AGAIN STATED THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO DISCUSS IT OR ANY ASPECT OF IT OVER THE TELEPHONE AND THAT HE WISHED TO FIRST CONTACT HIS ATTORNEYS, AT WHICH POINT HE WAS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE WRITER ON SATURDAY, WHICH HE FAILED TO DO, AND THEREAFTER THE NAME OF HIS ATTORNEY WAS DETERMINED AS INDICATED BY NY TELETYPE MAY TWENTYFIFTH. HIS ATTORNEY WAS ADVISED TO MAKE THE MATTER KNOWN TO JUDGE WEINFELD. IT WAS MADE VERY CLEAR TO JUDGE WEINFELD THAT THE WRITER-S ONLY MESSAGE TO PEGLER WAS TO ADVISE HIM TO REPORT THE MATTER TO JUDGE WEINFELD. JUDGE WEINFELD EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS BEING VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE INFO AND STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE BUREAU MIGHT DESIRE AN EXPLANATORY STATEMENT MADE BY THE WRITER ON THE RECORD IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE RECORD UP TO THAT POINT INDICATED BY VIRTUE OF PEGLER-S STATEMENT REGARDING THE TELEPHONE CALL THAT THE FBI HAD SOME INFO ABOUT THE MATTER WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE COURT. THIS MATTER WAS RELAYED TO ASST. TO THE DIRECTOR L. V. BOARDMAN TODAY AND ACTING ON BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS I APPEARED AT THE JUDGE-S CHAMBERS, AT WHICH TIME IT WAS MADE VERY CLEAR AND VERY DEFINITE THAT THE FBI HAD MADE STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO CONVEY TO PEGLER OR HIS ATTORNEY THE USA-S OPINION AND THAT THE FBI HAD NO

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INDEPENDENT KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ALLEGATION NOR HAD IT MADE ANY INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE MATTER. JUDGE WEINFELD STATED THAT THE MATTER WAS CLEARED UP TO HIS SATISFACTION AND THANKED THE BUREAU FOR ITS COURTESY. AFTER THE HEARING THE WRITER WAS APPROACHED BY PEGLER IN A VERY FRIENDLY FASHION AND IN MENTIONING ALL OF THE EFFORTS MADE TO REACH PEGLER THROUGH HIS OFFICE HE LAUGHED AND STATED THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTED HIS OFFICE NOT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM BECAUSE QUOTE HE DID NOT WISH TO BE IN POSITION OF KNOWING ANYTHING OF THE FBI-S INVESTIGATION REGARDING THIS MATTER WHICH THE COURT MIGHT NOT KNOW. UNQUOTE. MR PEGLER NOW REALIZES THAT THE ONLY PURPOSE IN ENDEAVORING TO REACH HIM WAS TO CONVEY TO HIM THE MESSAGE THAT HIS INFO SHOULD REACH JUDGE WEINFELD WHERE IT PROPERLY BELONGED. PEGLER PARTED IN VERY FRIENDLY FASHION.

J. J. KELLY

END

NY R 11 WA PC

*A. M. Boardman*

*Pegler is no bargain!*  
*H.*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: May 27, 1954

FROM : L. V. BOARDMAN *LB*SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

*per D*

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
Harbo	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Tracy	✓
Mohr	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

*Eug*  
*Jug*

Reference is made to your memorandum dated May 26, 1954, concerning your telephone call with Mr. Richard Berlin, President of Hearst Corporation.

Without commenting on the content of your memorandum, I telephonically contacted ASAC A. J. Marchessault, in the absence of SAC J. J. Kelly, at 9:25 A.M., May 27, 1954, and advised him that in the event Pegler should further get in touch with the New York Office, the New York Office was to immediately telephone me regarding the nature of Pegler's contact before any action was taken by the New York Office. I felt this desirable in order to be able to brief you concerning Pegler's contact before New York might take any independent action on its own.

LVB:WMLJ

*✓*

*J*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE:  
May 25, 1954FROM : L. V. Boardman *LVB*SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER  
Miscellaneous - Information concerning

*Viper*

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Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Glavin	_____
Harbo	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Tracy	_____
Mohr	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Pursuant to your instructions, I telephonically contacted SAC J. J. Kelly of the New York Office at 10:25 a.m., 5/25/54, and advised him that it was proper for the New York Office to contact Westbrook Pegler's attorney and apprise the attorney of the situation involved, but that no further effort should be made by the New York Office to contact Pegler.

I indicated that after Pegler's attorney had been advised, the matter should then be dropped. I instructed SAC Kelly to send in a teletype confirming contact with Pegler's attorney.

*ARC*

LVB:CSH

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to Tolson  
5-25-54  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *[Signature]*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER

DATE: June 14, 1954

Tolson ☒

Boardman ☒

Nichols ☒

Belmont ☒

Glavin ☒

Harbo ☒

Rosen ☒

Tamm ☒

Tracy ☒

Mohr ☒

Winterrowd ☒

Tele. Room ☒

Holloman ☒

Miss Gandy ☒

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[REDACTED] told me that in a recent conversation with Pegler the latter spoke rather caustically about our cooperation with Quentin Reynolds in the Landmark series of books being put out by Random House. [REDACTED] told Pegler the Bureau was a public institution and that he knows for a fact that many times it is necessary to extend cooperation as a matter of self-protection; that he suspected this was what happened with reference to Quentin Reynolds. [REDACTED] stated that Pegler thinks that he has Reynolds beat in the libel suit and is beginning to feel cocky, which makes [REDACTED] wonder if the case isn't probably going against Pegler.

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*Any criticism from Pegler is a boost!*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI - 62-36434  
 FROM : Attn: Asst. to Dir. LELAND V. BOARDMAN  
 SAC, New York (72-0)

DATE: 8/9/54

SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER  
 Miscellaneous Information Concerning  
 Obstruction of Justice

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ReNYtel, 8/9/54.

Enclosed please find original Stenographer's Minutes  
 of the hearing held in the USDC, SDNY, before Federal Judge  
 EDWARD WEINFELD.

RM

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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

*E. J. [Signature]*

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WASH 21 FROM NEW YORK

DIRECTOR

URGENT

PERSONAL ATTENTION... ASST TO DIRECTOR L. V. BOARDMAN

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WESTBROOK PEGLER, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING, OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE. RE NY TELS, MAY NINETEEN, TWENTYFIVE, TWENTYSIX,  
LAST AND MR. BOARDMAN-S TELEPHONE CALL MAY TWENTYSEVEN LAST. BY  
LETTER DATED AUGUST TWO, LAST, USA, SDNY ADVISED THEY HAD  
CONDUCTED GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION RELATING TO THE CHARGE OF JUROR  
[REDACTED] IN CASE OF QUENTIN REYNOLDS VS. WESTBROOK  
PEGLER - LIBEL. USA ADVISED EVIDENCE BEFORE GRAND JURY DID NOT  
WARRANT RETURN OF INDICTMENT. USA THEREFORE REQUESTED THIS OFFICE  
CONTINUE INVESTIGATION OF THIS MATTER. AUSA HILL PERSONALLY  
INTERVIEWED TODAY. HILL ADVISED THAT A HEARING WAS HELD IN JUDGE  
WEINFELD-S CHAMBERS AFTER HE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION BY ATTORNEY  
CHARLES HENRY, PEGLER-S ATTORNEY, OF PEGLER-S KNOWLEDGE THAT  
[REDACTED] WAS TALKING ABOUT PEGLER-S CASE TO ONE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CONNECTED WITH THE NY JOURNAL AMERICAN AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] THE "NY JOURNAL AMERICAN." AFTER HEARING,  
[REDACTED] HELD IN CONTEMPT AND FINED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS  
AND DISCHARGED AS A JUROR. HILL STATED THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HILL STATED THAT HE COULD NOT FURNISH US WITH THE GRAND JURY MINUTES AS HE WAS NOT ALLOWED BUT FURNISHED THE MINUTES OF THE HEARING BEFORE JUDGE WEINFELD, STATING THEY WERE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME. HILL FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED TO GRAND JURY WAS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR AN INDICTMENT TO BE RETURNED BECAUSE OF LIMITATIONS UNDER WHICH JUDGE WEINFELD AND THE GRAND JURY WERE OPERATING, IN THE SENSE THAT THEY WERE DEALING ONLY WITH PROSPECTIVE DEFENDANTS. HE SAID THIS MEANT THAT THERE WERE NO DISINTERESTED WITNESSES IF ANY THAT MAY HAVE HAD KNOWLEDGE BEFORE THE GRAND JURY NOR WERE THERE ANY LEADS DEVELOPED BEFORE THE GRAND JURY INDICATING ANY SUCH WITNESSES. HILL STATED THAT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE HEARING, JUDGE WEINFELD TURNED THE MINUTES OVER TO USA-S OFFICE TO DETERMINE IF ANY EVIDENCE COULD BE DEVELOPED AND WAS ALERTED TO THE REQUEST MADE HEREIN. HILL SAID THAT HE HAS A FEELING THAT THERE MUST HAVE BEEN SOMETHING BEHIND THIS WHOLE THING, STATING THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR THE BUREAU TO DEVELOPE WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS ANY CORRUPT PURPOSE BEHIND [REDACTED] TALKING TO [REDACTED] WHICH MAY CONSTITUTE AN ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE [REDACTED] UNDER SECTION ONE FIVE ZERO THREE, USC. HILL

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FURNISHED THE MINUTES OF THE HEARING CONTAINING TESTIMONY OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED WITHOUT INDICATING THE INCONSISTENCIES OF TESTIMONY COMMENTING THAT THE INCONSISTENCIES WERE OBVIOUS ON REVIEWING THE TESTIMONY. THE MATTER WAS NOT PURSUED ANY FURTHER AT THIS POINT WITH AUSA HILL IN VIEW OF BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS COVERING THIS CASE. THE ORIGINAL TRANSCRIPTS OF THE TESTIMONY IS BEING FORWARDED FOR INFO UNDER SEPARATE COVER, REGISTERED MAIL. BUREAU REQUESTED TO RETURN ORIGINALS WHEN PURPOSE SERVED, IN VIEW OF FACT THAT THEY ARE PERMANENT RECORDS OF THE COURT. NO INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED BY THIS OFFICE UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE BY THE BUREAU.

KELLY

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HOLD AFTER I ACK PLS

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CC: MR. ROSEN  
AND SUPERVISOR  
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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News account of Reynolds  
Pigler libel suit - decided  
in Reynolds favor. Mention  
judge held conferences in  
his chambers & then disch-  
arged him. Mr. Levene &  
found him & so far talking  
about the case despite con-  
stitutional & statutory

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *rw*

DATE: August 12, 1954

FROM : Mr. Evans *E L*SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (y)

U. S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, has requested Bureau conduct investigation of activities of juror in civil libel suit by Quentin Reynolds against Pegler. USA advised matter had been subject of grand jury investigation which disclosed no evidence to warrant indictment but he believes discrepancies in testimony warrant further investigation. Testimony reviewed and discrepancies do not appear pertinent to activities of juror. *6-28-54*

By teletype 8/9/54, the New York Office informed that USA advised his office had conducted a grand jury investigation concerning contacts by [redacted] during trial. He said evidence before grand jury did not warrant indictment but requested that Bureau continue investigation since he believed inconsistencies in the testimony warranted further investigation by the Bureau. AUSA Hill advised that a hearing was held in Judge Weinfeld's chambers after Judge received report that [redacted] was talking about the case to [redacted] and [redacted] both of the "New York Journal American." After hearing, [redacted] was held in contempt, fined \$250, and discharged as a juror. [redacted]

AUSA Hill said he could not furnish grand jury minutes due to their confidential nature but did furnish minutes of the hearing before Judge Weinfeld which he stated were substantially the same. Hill did not indicate the specific inconsistencies in the testimony which led to his request but stated they would be obvious upon reading the transcript. He further stated he desired to determine whether there was any corrupt purpose behind the contacts with the juror which might constitute an attempt to influence him in violation of the Obstruction of Justice Statutes.

New York teletype 8/11/54 reflected that a review of the transcript of the hearing before Judge Weinfeld, while evidencing various inconsistencies, did not indicate any corrupt intent to influence a juror by any of the parties involved.

The transcript of the hearing held in Judge Weinfeld's chambers 5/26, 27 and 28/54 was also reviewed at the Bureau. The transcript which was forwarded by New York letter 8/9/54 reflects that [redacted]

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As a matter of background, in May, 1954, Pegler telephonically reported to the New York Office that he had received information to effect that a juror was talking to people about the case. After making numerous attempts to contact Pegler to advise him of U. S. Attorney's opinion that Pegler or his attorney should notify trial judge of information, it was necessary for SAC to appear before the judge to refute a statement by Pegler that the Bureau had been attempting to contact him and inferring that we had independent information regarding the matter. The Attorney General was apprised of foregoing by memorandum 5/27/54 which indicated he would be kept advised of any further developments.

#### RECOMMENDATION

USA is requesting the Bureau to continue investigation which he conducted through a grand jury and which, according to him, disclosed no prosecutable violation. Further he predicates his request on inconsistencies in the testimony, a review of which by New York Office and at the Bureau indicates discrepancies are not material to actual incident. Therefore, it is recommended that the attached memorandum be sent to the Attorney General, with a copy to the Criminal Division, enclosing a Photostat of the transcript, pointing out that all known witnesses have been questioned by the court and before the grand jury and that apparent discrepancies in testimony do not appear to relate to actual incident itself but rather to subsequent conversations concerning the incident. Memorandum requests advice from the Criminal Division as to whether any action by the Bureau is desired.

*J*  
*It is just a waste of  
time & money to now  
effectively do what  
D. J. has been unable to do.*

*per E* *GM*



PA  
The Attorney General  
(62-36434)

August 12, 1954

Director, FBI

WESTBROOK PEGLER  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

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Reference is made to Bureau memorandum dated May 27, 1954, concerning a report received by our New York Office from Mr. Pegler to the effect that a juror in the libel suit instituted by Quentin Reynolds against Westbrook Pegler was calling people and "talking" about the case.

Our New York Office has received advice from the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, that his office had conducted a grand jury investigation relating to contacts by [REDACTED] a juror in the trial of this case. He advised that evidence adduced before the grand jury did not warrant return of an indictment but he requested that this Bureau continue investigation of the matter in view of inconsistencies in the testimony.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Hill advised our New York Office that a hearing was held in the chambers of U. S. District Judge Edward Weinfeld, Southern District of New York, after the Judge had received a report indicating that [REDACTED] was talking about the case to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both of the "New York Journal American." After the hearing, [REDACTED] was held in contempt, fined \$250, and discharged as a juror.

He said that, although the evidence submitted to the grand jury was not sufficient to warrant return of an indictment and there was no indication of the existence of other witnesses to the matter who had not been questioned, he desired an investigation by this Bureau to determine whether there was any corrupt purpose behind the conversations with the juror.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Hill said he could not furnish the grand jury minutes due to their confidential nature but he did furnish minutes of the hearing before Judge Weinfeld which he stated were substantially the same. See note on page 3.  
cc: 2-New York, with enclosure

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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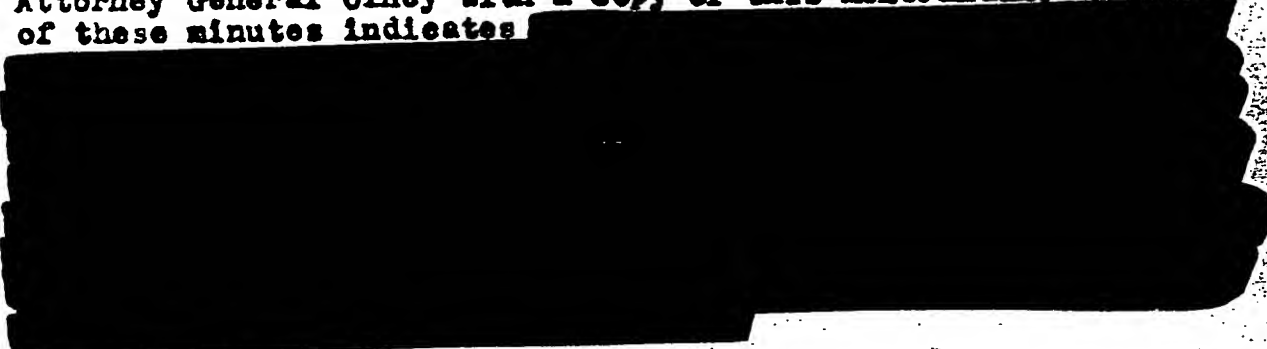
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The Attorney General

He did not indicate the specific inconsistencies which led to his request for investigation but stated that the inconsistencies in the testimony would be obvious upon reading the transcript of the hearing.

A Photostat of stenographer's minutes concerning hearings held before Judge Weinfeld on May 26, 27 and 28, 1954, in the matter of Quentin Reynolds, Plaintiff, vs. Westbrook Pegler, The Hearst Corporation, and Hearst Consolidated Publications, Inc., Defendant, is being furnished to Assistant Attorney General Olney with a copy of this memorandum. A review of these minutes indicates



It appears that the inconsistencies in the testimony relate primarily to the details and sequence of conversations between interested parties regarding the report that a juror was talking about the case and these inconsistencies do not appear material to the actual incident. There is no indication in the testimony that there were other witnesses who were not questioned during the hearing.

The foregoing information is being furnished in order that you will be currently apprised of developments in this matter and advice is requested from the Criminal Division as to whether any investigation by the Bureau is desired. The United States Attorney is being advised that the matter is being referred to the Department.

cc: 1-Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III (Attachment)

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Note to SAC, New York:

Immediately inform USA of reference of this matter to the Department as indicated above and take no further action pending advice from the Bureau. The original stenographer's minutes of the hearing before Judge Weinfeld are being returned herewith in accordance with request in your teletype 8/9/54. A Photostat is being retained in the Bureau file.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: August 10, 1954

FROM : Mr. Evans

SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
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U. S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, has requested Bureau conduct investigation of activities of juror in civil libel suit by Quentin Reynolds against Westbrook Pegler. USA advised matter has been subject of grand jury investigation which disclosed no evidence to warrant indictment but he desires Bureau continue investigation initiated through grand jury.

By teletype 8/9/54, New York Office informed that USA advised his office had conducted a grand jury investigation relating to contacts by [REDACTED] in case of Quentin Reynolds vs. Westbrook Pegler. USA advised evidence before grand jury did not warrant return of indictment and he requested that Bureau continue investigation of the matter.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Hill advised New York that a hearing was held in Judge Weinfeld's chambers after he received notification by Pegler's attorney that Pegler had knowledge that [REDACTED] was talking about the case to one [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both of the "New York Journal American." After hearing, [REDACTED] was held in contempt, fined \$250 and discharged as a juror. Hill stated that due to inconsistencies in testimony of persons involved, all were brought before a grand jury. He said evidence submitted to grand jury was not sufficient for an indictment since the witnesses were prospective defendants rather than disinterested witnesses and no leads were developed by the grand jury indicating that any disinterested witnesses existed.

Hill said he could not furnish grand jury minutes due to their confidential nature but did furnish minutes of the hearing before Judge Weinfeld which he stated were substantially the same. Assistant U. S. Attorney Hill did not indicate the specific inconsistencies which led to his request but stated that the inconsistencies in the testimony would be obvious upon reading the transcript of the hearing. He further stated he desired to determine whether there was any corrupt purpose behind [REDACTED] talking to [REDACTED] which might constitute an attempt to influence [REDACTED] in violation of the Obstruction of Justice statute.

New York teletype 8/9/54 advised that the original transcript of testimony before Judge Weinfeld was being forwarded to the Bureau for information. At 11:10 a.m., 8/10/54, ASAC McCabe, New York, telephonically advised New York Office is reviewing a Photostat of the

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transcript and will advise the Bureau whether this review discloses any indications that there may have been disinterested witnesses to the alleged contacts by the juror. The New York Office was instructed to take no further action pending Bureau instructions.

As a matter of background, in May, 1954, Pegler telephonically reported to the New York Office that he had received information to effect that a juror was talking to people about the case. After numerous attempts were made to contact Pegler to advise him of U. S. Attorney's opinion that Pegler or his attorney should notify trial judge of information, it was necessary for SAC to appear before the Judge to refute a statement by Pegler that the Bureau had been attempting to contact him and inferring that we had independent information regarding the matter. Attorney General was advised of foregoing by memorandum 5/27/54.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The United States Attorney is requesting the Bureau to continue an investigation which he conducted through a grand jury and which, according to him, disclosed no prosecutable violation of the Obstruction of Justice statute. Therefore, it is believed that, after the transcript of the court hearing is received and reviewed at the Bureau and the results of the review of the transcript by the New York Office are received, the matter should be referred to the Department prior to any further action being taken with respect to the United States Attorney's request.

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*to Casper &*  
*Mem 5/17/54*  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:

August 18, 1954

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FROM : Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal DivisionSUBJECT: Westbrook Pegler  
Miscellaneous - Information Concerning  
Obstruction of Justice

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Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
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Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Reference is made to our copy of your memorandum to The Attorney General, dated August 12, 1954, concerning the above-captioned matter.

This matter is being handled by the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, and he will advise you if any additional investigation is required.

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## WESTBROOK PEGLER

**MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE**

There is attached one copy of a self-explanatory memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III, dated August 18, 1954.

In event U. S. Attorney requests investigation in this matter, you should point out to him that [REDACTED]

In this connection it is noted that the inconsistencies in the testimony before the Grand Jury were not sufficient to warrant indictment or further inquiry by the Grand Jury. In view of the foregoing it would seem that any investigation by the Bureau would duplicate that made by the Grand Jury and would, therefore, constitute an undesirable and unnecessary expenditure of time and money.

3. If, after being apprised of the foregoing, the U. S. Attorney still requests investigation, the Bureau is to be promptly advised of the specific investigation requested and no further action should be taken pending instructions from the Bureau.

Attachment

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NOTE: USA requested that FBI conduct investigation of activities of juror in civil libel suit by Quentin Reynolds against Pegler. Matter was subject of a Grand Jury investigation which disclosed no evidence to warrant indictment but USA believes discrepancies in testimony.

[redacted] warranted further investigation. Review of testimony reflected  
 [redacted] discrepancies did not appear pertinent to activities of Juror  
 [redacted] and matter was referred to Attorney General and Criminal Division  
 [redacted] by memo 8/12/54. Referenced memo 8/18/54 from Criminal Division  
 [redacted] advised matter is being handled by USA, who would advise if any  
 [redacted] additional investigation is required.  
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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover

His writing very often is too confused for me but thought I should send you this in case it escaped your attention.

Westbrook Rogers

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# As Pegler Sees It

## The Crime Wave in N. Y. And Handicaps on Cops

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

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**T**HE INSTANT RESORT TO THE DOLLAR-SIGN as a cure for the terrible crime-rate in New York is typical of the time. Whatever befalls, just pass an appropriation.

Certainly New York has too few policemen, whether by 7,000 as Francis Adams, the Commissioner, puts it, or 1,000 less. But the worst single fault in this critical situation is covered by a grand taboo, so let us skip it and pass along to the other factors.



WESTBROOK PEGLER

There are cops in New York today who are sullen toward their duty and resolutely refuse, without ever saying so, to do any more than the absolute minimum of their duty. The cop has been chivvied, humiliated and persecuted for doing his best.

This refers primarily to the nasty meddling of the Federal Department of Justice in ordinary, routine police affairs under the pretext of maintaining the "civil rights" of rodent characters who ought to be clubbed on sight and run out of gas.

**I** KNOW A POLICEMAN WHO QUIT AN ASSIGNMENT riding in a patrol car because twice he got into trouble by using his fists and a third time by drawing back from a family scrap in a low-grade household in which the wife was a French streetwalker who had married an American soldier.

This cop is a decent man with an Army service record, a family and a sense of responsibility. But when it became clear to him he was getting the business from rotten politico-social letter-head organizations, which, incidentally, always command respectful publicity and never get critical examination in press or radio, he said to hell with it.

He's doing as little as he has to do in the last troublesome phase of police work that he could find. Let the public take its lumps from vicious elements which get the benefit of constant propaganda until it gets fed up and explodes.

**I** KNOW A JUDGE WHO AGREES that the courts are almost as much to blame as the criminals themselves. Judges refuse to deal with young criminals as criminals but treat them as misguided, mischievous youth.

They sneer at the policeman and coddle young bums who ought to be sent away for long terms and forgotten. The punks themselves now sneer at the police because experience has shown them that the judges and the City Hall will take their side against the cop so often that the exceptions are rare.

Not only young punks, but very mature, dangerous, defiant offenders, notorious in their own neighborhoods,

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**N**EW YORK POLICEMEN DON'T OPPRESS ANY BODY because of his race or religion. Those whom I know personally are remarkably well-behaved men of unusual intelligence. But the Truman Administration made a deliberate decision to curvy votes at the expense of police efficiency and the safety of the public. It got results, all right.

But the results are seen in the situation which the Police Commissioner now delineates when he says that on an average day one person will be murdered in New York, three women will be raped and so on down the catalog of crimes.

The cops are sick of having to take insults from rats hanging around the corners trying to provoke them to twist their arms or jab them in the solar plexus.

In Chicago, two cops did that and wound up in personal damage suits, broke, in debt and suspended from the force. Finally, they had to face trial in the Federal Court, where they were acquitted. But do you think that if and when those policemen get back into harness they are going to take the same chance again? If you do, you underestimate the intelligence of the modern metropolitan policeman.

**T**HE SO-CALLED CIVIL RIGHTS LAW was passed in hot blood, soon after the Civil War, to make the Southern States open the polls to Negroes.

Whatever its merits at the time (and the best white men were disfranchised for fighting in the Confederate Army) it never had any application in the ordinary domestic affairs of the States until Maurice Milligan, the U. S. Attorney in Kansas City, invoked it to break up the Pendergast gang which had denied thousands of citizens of all races and religions the value of their votes in Federal elections. That was one of the factors which inflicted Harry Truman on the nation.

Under Truman and since then under Herb Brownell's administration as Attorney General, the same law has been used to persecute policemen in New York and Chicago on a thin theory that a bum who resists arrest for an admitted offense is denied some portion of his Constitutional rights if the cop uses a trace more physical force than the exact degree justified by the strength and determination of the prisoner.

It is a vicious policy which has had a very bad effect on the morale, the honesty of purpose and the efficiency of the individual policeman.

**L**A GUARDIA USED TO THREATEN COPS for resisting the crimes of pickets. Finally it was understood that pickets, usually Communists, were privileged characters.

Pickets closed all the newspapers in New York for one month in Impellitteri's term by an implied threat of violence. This was a challenge to Government and should have been met with enough cops and enough force to bat the brains out of the whole mass of pickets, if necessary.

The same LaGuardia, speaking of Frank Erickson and Frank Costello, gamblers and known bookmakers, said to the same cops:

"Treat them rough," because they were, in his opinion, unsupported by any evidence, punks and tin-horns.

Cops must be allowed to beat up the kind of vermin who were rounded up in the Broadway zone the other night. No substitute ever has been found for an old-fashioned going-over in the squad room.

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NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

TEL. MURRAY HILL 2-5600  
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OFFICE OF  
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September 23, 1954

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 12/6/03 BY SP7 MAC/KDA

Dear Edgar:

On Thursday, November 18th, the Banshees, a luncheon club of New York editors, artists, writers and leaders in allied professions, will present its Eighth Annual Award of the silver statuette, "The Lady."

Westbrook Pegler will be the recipient of this year's Award for his outstanding work as a reporter and columnist in the newspaper field.

I do not have to tell you how richly Pegler deserves this award from the Banshees. His record over the years has won him the respect of every admirer of fearless journalism and distinguished writing. It has won him many enemies, too. This is a time for his friends to pay him tribute.

In honoring Westbrook Pegler with "The Lady" Award, the Banshees propose to present him with a volume of testimonial letters from leading citizens of the world. We should be pleased to have you contribute to this volume.

The Banshees Committee for this 1954 Award, Arthur "Bugs" Baer, Barry Faris, Bradley Kelly, Joe Willicombe and I, will be grateful for your contribution.

With best wishes, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York (72-0)

SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION  
CONCERNING OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE

DATE: 9/30/54

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Reference is made to Bureau letter 8/23/54.

In accordance with the instructions set forth in referenced letter, SA [REDACTED] personally contacted AUSA THOMAS W. HILL, SDNY, and advised him of the Bureau's observations concerning his request for additional investigation in this matter.

It was pointed out to HILL:

#1. That the juror in question [REDACTED] was fined \$250.00 and barred from ever serving on a Federal Grand Jury again.

#2. That all the other jurors in the case denied any improper contacts by anyone.

#3. The transcript of testimony taken before Judge WEINFELD did not reflect any corrupt purpose in the incident.

#4. The testimony does not indicate the existence of any other material witnesses who were not questioned during the hearings.

#5. That although there were inconsistencies in the testimony, they did not appear pertinent to the incident itself, but rather appeared to concern the details and the sequence of conversations concerning the incident.

#6. That the inconsistencies in the testimony before the Grand Jury apparently were not sufficient to warrant indictment by the Grand Jury.

#7. In view of the above observations, it would seem that any investigation by the Bureau would only duplicate that made by the Grand Jury and therefore, constitute an undesirable and unnecessary expenditure of time and money.

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b7c AUSA HILL, SDNY, then referred SA [REDACTED] to AUSA ATTERBURY, SDNY, to whom HILL stated the case had been re-assigned. Mr. ATTERBURY was advised of the above facts and he indicated that he agreed with the observations but that he would have to take the matter up with his superiors and if any additional investigation was insisted upon, then he would set forth the specific investigation required by them.

AUSA ATTERBURY, SDNY then stated that he would contact this office and advise of any developments.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *W*

DATE: October 28, 1954

FROM : R. R. Roach *R* *218*

SUBJECT: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)  
ARTICLE BY WESTBROOK PEGLER,  
WASHINGTON "DAILY NEWS"  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Little Rock (80-0)

SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 1-20-55

Mr. Tolson ☒

Mr. Boardman ☒

Mr. Nichols ☒

Mr. Belmont ☒

Mr. Mohr ☒

Mr. Parsons ☒

Mr. Rosen ☒

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Information has been received that newspaper columnist WESTBROOK PEGLER was in the Hot Springs, Arkansas, area about January 1, 1955, and while there prepared his syndicated column.

Review of the column "AS PEGLER SEES IT", syndicated by King Features Syndicate, Inc., which appeared in the newspaper "New Era", Hot Springs, Arkansas, under dated December 27, 29, 30, and 31, 1954, reveals that PEGLER made mention of numerous matters and in each of the above specified columns, mention is made of the FBI.

The column dated December 29, 1954, contains, among others, the statements "Communism has infected the politics of Arkansas....", "The incoming administration of Arkansas is under suspicion"; "I have information that the FBI's immediate concern in Arkansas is not a hypothetical war of gangsters over non-existent gambling at Hot Springs but Communist ramifications in the Democratic state machine".

Information has been published to the effect that former Governor of Arkansas, SIDNEY McMATH, is closely associated with the present state administration with Governor ORVAL FAUBUS naturally being the head of the present state administration.

Information has come to the attention of this office to the effect that the law firm of McMATH, LEATHERMAN, and WOODS, Little Rock, is seriously considering the institution of a libel suit against PEGLER and King Features because of the remarks contained in the above referenced items and others made by PEGLER. This information was volunteered to an agent of this office during the course of a normal investigation of other matters. No inquiry has been made by this office concerning this matter.

This information is being called to your attention because the FBI is repeatedly referred to in the above enumerated columns and because of the possibility a libel suit might be filed.

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Efforts to locate referenced articles by Pegler within Bureau have been unsuccessful.

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concerning some of the contents of these columns which might attract additional attention to the FBI under these conditions at some time in the future.

The columns referred to herein are not being forwarded as undoubtedly they are in possession of the Bureau. In the event it is desired these items be forwarded, they will be available as same are being maintained in the files of this office.

No further action concerning this matter is being taken by this office.



cc

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SAC, Little Rock (80-0)

January 31, 1955

Director, FBI

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 INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Reurlet dated January 20, 1955.

You should promptly submit to the Bureau two copies each of Pegler's articles appearing in the newspaper "New Era," Hot Springs, Arkansas, on the dates of December 27, 29, 30, and 31, 1954.

## NOTE ON YELLOW:

The Bureau has been unable to locate copies of the above articles and it is believed desirable to have these articles on file. Since there may be some differences in articles appearing in Washington newspapers and Hot Springs newspapers it is believed desirable to have the Little Rock Office submit copies of the articles referred to in referenced letter.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2-8-55

FROM : SAC, Little Rock (80-0-275)

SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER  
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Remylet to Director dated 1-20-55 and Bu memo dated 1-31-55 on above captioned.

As per instructions, there are enclosed herewith two copies each of the articles mentioned in second reference.

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# ...as pegler sees it

By WESTBROOK PEGLER  
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Walter Winchell recently predicted open warfare between armed hoodlums in Hot Springs. Unaware of this until I found myself committed to the zone of combat, I slept under my bed the first night at the Arlington hotel and fled to the hills when, at dawn, a pickup backfired in the street.

Later in the day, I consulted a regional journalist of standing, Maurice Moore, of the Hot Springs New Era. Where, I desired to know, and when, would the schutzenfest be holden? Because I wished to be elsewhere rather than erst.

Mr. Moore disparaged the report.

His interview with me proved to be reciprocal. I found myself apologizing now and again for pumping him. He was patient and polite but seldom able to take command, such was my curiosity.

Mr. Moore said: "Do you think Joe McCarthy has been seriously discredited by President Eisenhower?"

"Before I answer that question in detail," I said, "can you tell me what the devil Winthrop Rockefeller is up to down here in Arkansas?"

Winthrop, you remember, is one of those dewy blossoms on the Rockefeller stem. A few years after the hogback massacre, in Colorado, when the state militia, under command of a general who was a dentist or chiropodist in private life, fired into the tents of the miners, causing casualties among their women and children, Ivy Lee, the press agent of the Rockefeller family, soliloquized that the human race tended toward perfection. The Rockefellers

were a splendid stalk and the individuals budding into bloom were the realization of the ideal.

The Rockefellers, that would include Winthrop, own the Chase National bank, whose chairman, John McCloy, is a dominant figure in the Eisenhower extension of the Roosevelt - Truman regime. They also dominate and operate the tax-exempt Rockefeller Foundation which was disparaged by the Reece committee in its investigation of foundations, by and large.

Mr. Moore said Winthrop was building a house (which has been described as a mansion) over near Conway, Ark. I had read that Winthrop, whose name is direct heritage from his uncle, Winthrop Aldrich, formerly president of the Rockefellers' Chase bank and now ambassador to London, was pumping water for his ranch from some lowland source up onto a mountain. Is this practical? Would one go as far as to call it imbecilic? But, even so, is it not of a piece with the grand social frivolities of the tax-exempt foundations?

Scandal and personal embarrassment are out of my line of journalism. But it did occur to me to entwine with Mr. Moore's theme of inquiry some features within his own Arkansas purview.

Winchell had predicted carnage in Hot Springs. There is only one character, spelled with a capital "C" in Hot Springs at this writing who can be described as a "hoodlum." He is Owen Madden, a native of Hell's Kitchen, an alumnus of Sing Sing, and a veteran of the era of wonderful nonsense under Tex Rickard in the New Garden. He had picturesque

dealings in the night club and prizefight commerce of that golden decade. But can I conscientiously agree that Mr. Madden is a "hoodlum" today? Or even an "underworld" character?

On information and belief, I can't. He is married; his wife obviously loves him and with credible seeming of mutuality; he has never taken a drink in his life; and he was, in his sprouting years, a fighter about 85 pounds, matched most often against his own fingerling brother, Martin. In Hot Springs he is interested in a restaurant called The Southern Grill formerly a gambling hall. But the play room has been shut down since last Patrick's day and the tables were still under shrouds when I paid a call this afternoon. When Owen mentioned his fights as "clubs" with his brother Martin, I rejoined: "Oh, a brother act?" Owen said: "Yes. And do you know any better match for a fight on the level than two Irish kids who are brothers about the same age?"

"He broke my nose five times," Owen said. "Hurt? I can feel it yet. I would blow it and my eyes would blow up blue as an eggplant."

I recently made it my professional business to meet socially Frank Costello, also known as a hoodlum and "underworld character." He vined no criminal tendencies and he did evince fortitude. But, for all the county fair dramatics of a gang of shameless political mountebanks who got him as a political sacrifice, Costello was convicted of nothing worse than refusing to answer questions and failure to perform a debatable civic duty in regard to

taxes.

No candidate for pre-deed, even for bishop, been put to a more se- quiry. So, a corrupt had to resort to a tax, an old accomplice in of its own public trust.

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So then, he live his own in dungarees.

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# ... as pegler sees it

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

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Communism has infected the politics of Arkansas and southern states to a degree not suspected by Americans who have wistfully believed that contempt for the constitution and the flag and their applications were local to the city of New York, the national bureaucracy and centers of "higher education." The incoming administration of Arkansas is under suspicion. I have information that the FBI's immediate concern in Arkansas is not a hypothetical war with gangsters over non-existent gambling in Hot Springs but Communist ramifications in the Democratic state machine.

I shall address this subject further in the future, but today's report will deal with a copyreaders' strike in the Louisville Courier-Journal, a monopoly blanketing a large area, who has just been conducted under a state law against sedition, or communism. This man's name is Carl Braden. The Courier-Journal, which also operates the Times and a radio station, took his part and kept him on the payroll from the date of his indictment, Oct. 1, until Dec. 14, when he was convicted by a jury. Hereupon, Barry Bingham, as president of the Courier-Journal and Times, announced that Braden was fired. He had received pay all that time. Bingham said this course conformed to "time-honored principles, rooted in our American Constitution." The fact is, however, that usually policemen, for example, who are charged with crime, are suspended without pay and receive pay for

the period of suspension only if and when they are acquitted.

Mark Ethridge is publisher of the Courier-Journal. He recently was "elected" trustee of the Ford Foundation where he will find congenial company. They can like it or lump it, but the controllers of this colossal mass of tax-exempt political money are artfully selected.

Braden was one of six men and women indicted following a bomb explosion in a dwelling in a white neighborhood which Braden bought for his own use and then conveyed to a Negro for occupancy by his family. The bombing was an inside job executed to arouse Negroes to mass violence. It did no such thing and the grand jury started after Braden, his wife, Anne, and four others on secret information indicating that the "outrage" was a Communist job. Anne Braden also had been employed by the Courier-Journal under Bingham and Ethridge.

The Bradens have two small children. He is 40 and she is 30.

A. Scott Hamilton, the commonwealth attorney, immediately ran into opposition from the Courier-Journal, its offshoot, the Times, and their radio station. The Courier-Journal yelled "witch-hunt." Radio station WHAS accused Hamilton of resorting to "one of the more reprehensible techniques of Senator McCarthy."

As a result the grand jury on Oct. 1 protested to the circuit court that it was "improper to write such material as appeared in the Courier-Journal and Times and broad-

casted by WHAS during the investigation conducted by the grand jury. It borders on obstruction of justice." The protest accused WHAS of trying to browbeat and intimidate the authorities on the pretense of protecting individual rights.

"This grand jury was distressed at the fact that while it was attempting to get the truth, the Courier-Journal and Louisville Times, the only daily papers in the community, saw fit to belittle its efforts to discover what connection the Communists had with the explosion," the letter said. "It would have been impossible for the explosive to have been placed under the house by anyone from the outside."

"It is our opinion that the charge was placed and discharged by someone having access to the house. This residence was supplied with probably 18 or more firearms, consisting of pistols, high-powered rifles and shotguns."

There were several persons in the house, all so situated that none was hurt.

The Courier-Journal clamored that the Bradens were being persecuted for their "beliefs" and expressed "the deepest disapproval of the line of questioning" about communism.

Braden's conviction appears to have been cinched by the testimony of Mrs. Alberta Ahearn, a patriotic local citizen. As undercover agent of the FBI she joined the Communist party and testified that Braden and others were as-

sociates in local anti-party.

Hamifications show of the Indiana state in Indianapolis and of the agencies in Louisville of the Bradens.

L. O. Ford, 79 years of the defendants, admitted had been Communist mayor of Cleveland and enemy of Ohio early in the velvet regime.

The emphatic fact through the sneering disdain of B and Ethridge. They defend their own employee to the belief of the lawful process of a jury. Their attitude is typical of the Southern monopoly press. When the Ford Foundation selected Ethridge it seemed proved his political nature.

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# ... as pegler sees it

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The public is asked to believe that Barry Bingham, president, and Mark Ethridge, publisher, of the Louisville Courier-Journal and Times, an exclusive political propaganda monopoly in an old-earthly, native-American community, were absolutely unaware that one of their copyreaders was a Communist. These two great journalist-statesmen of the New Deal-Eisenhower ideology rejected the proposition that their Communist employee could have been guilty of bombing the home of a colored family with intent to touch off a race riot. That was the immediate suspicion of A. Scott Hamilton, the commonwealth attorney, or county prosecutor. It was proven absolutely when a trial jury convicted the copyreader, Carl Braden, of advocating the violent overthrow of the governments of Kentucky and the United States.

Actually Braden was not charged with bombing the house. But the indictment charging him advocating sedition grew out of the charge that the dwelling was dynamited to incite civil commotion between Negroes and white persons. Indeed, Braden, age 40; his wife, Anne, 30, and two other persons are indicted on another specific charge of conspiring to dynamite the house. The Bradens bought the house, situated in a white neighborhood, on a representation that they intended to occupy it themselves. Braden then sold it to the Negro. After the explosion, which strangely injured none of several persons in the house, the grand jury reported to the court that

"probably 18 or more firearms" were concealed there.

It is the usual thing in such situations for an American city desk to throw onto the story all reporters on hand down to the society editor, church editor and the editor of "strikes" and spares. But, whatever the number and political character of the journalists assigned to this job, the "policy" of the papers, directed by Bingham and Ethridge, arbitrarily condemn as a manifestation of "McCarthyism" the suspicion that the bombing was an inside job in a Communist plot directed by one of its own men. Mrs. Braden, by the way, also was formerly employed by the Bingham-Ethridge political powerhouse, which also spreads their propaganda over a radio station which they control.

Two of the women co-defendants had been employed in Indianapolis by the state welfare board until Lester Hunt, of the Indianapolis Star, exposed a rotten situation. Dissolute women were bearing children to qualify for relief and husbands of "deserted" mothers, drawing large checks out of public taxes for relief of their "desertion," were sneaking home after dark and living on the proceeds of the frauds.

One of the Louisville defendants had been caught circulating a petition for a political movement which had been officially declared subversive. Later, ere moving on to Louisville, she attended a reception for Paul Robeson. One of the Indianapolis characters landed a job as a case worker for a charity

bureau in Louisville. Mr. Hunt insists that those who hired her had access to her record in Indianapolis.

In Louisville, Beatrice Pearson was fired from the job of chief statistician of the local health department after another Louisville woman, a patriotic plant of the FBI in the Communist party, testified that the Pearson woman had been associated with her and Braden in a Communist cell.

The burden of persuasion, if not of proof, in the Braden case rests heavily on Bingham and Ethridge. Far from jumping all over a shocking story of a Communist plot to provoke a bloody race riot in the community which they profess to serve, these stewards of the Constitutional freedom of the press hopped all over the county attorney. In print and by radio they sneered at him. They called the loyal efforts of a public official "McCarthyism" and a "witch hunt." They played such an abusive game that the grand jury formally protested to the court that the conduct of their papers and radio station was closely akin to obstruction of justice.

The Ford Foundation picked Ethridge for one of its trustees last April. That was before the bombing and the expression of the Louisville monopoly's attitude toward a public official putting down treason. But it will be futile for the Ford Foundation to pretend that Ethridge was not chosen because of his politics and ideology. Most of his associates on the foundation share his views.

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# ... as pegler sees it

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — My inquiries into the conduct of the Louisville Courier-Journal and Times and their radio station in the case of the bomb explosion involving their copyreader convicted of sedition have led me into a mysterious political wilderness not harked on the old maps of the South. This is a deep, tangled wild-wood whose very existence new ordinary, pro-American, constitutional citizens of the north even suspect. It seems doubtful that the average run of southern citizens realize that drastic nature of the change or the stealth by which their old morals, principles and deals have been choked out by a new growth.

The governor-elect of Arkansas is Orval E. Faubus, a native backwoodsman born on Greasy Creek who was slowly, reluctantly forced to admit that he had been a student at Commonwealth College, a Communist school, in the tiny town of Mena. However, the fact that he was shown to have been not only a student but a student leader is less dramatic than the overriding fact that the people of Arkansas elected him anyway. They elected him governor under circumstances which imply not merely lackadaisical error of an uninformed electorate but an emphatic endorsement of a past which normally might have condemned him to ignominious defeat. His opponents in the campaign, notwithstanding knowledge of a change in the political superstitions of the people, nevertheless thought a great majority of them would vote to crush him.

They were shocked by the election returns.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Faubus has never admitted that he was formally enrolled as a student at Commonwealth college. He did admit attending the school for a short period, but said that he left as soon as he learned the true nature of the institution. Mr. Faubus also denied that he delivered a May Day address at Commonwealth.)

The Arkansas Gazette, like the Louisville monopoly on news and propaganda, is owned by native capital — it is the loudest local unit in the journalism of this evolution. Both the Gazette and the Louisville monopoly promote the change. The Gazette brought in an editor named Harry Ashmore from South Carolina who has recently published a book called "The Negro and the Schools", from the press of the University of North Carolina. The book has a foreword by Owen J. Roberts, the Supreme Court justice who left the bench to do a job on Kimmel and Short of Pearl Harbor. Admiral William E. Standley, a member of the Roberts commission, had the honor and courage to blast the ulterior design whereby the commission was set to discover goats at the scene of the disaster. By the wording of the order the commission was precluded from damning scoundrels in the White House and Pentagon who kept back information from Kimmel and Short to the very purpose that the Japanese attack should be successful and the United States should be committed to war.

This may seem to be a digres-

sion, but the personalities and relationships are mixed and mingled as though by deliberate intent in this political maze and one must learn to keep many facts in mind. For example, it means little that Roberts wrote the foreword to Ashmore's book. But when you have fitted Roberts into the design, his indorsement of Ashmore's book takes on more meaning. Then, if you are told that the Ford Foundation subsidized the book and recall that the Reece Committee was noisily otherwise berated for investigating foundations, you may gain another insight.

Incidentally, the Gazette is not a monopoly in Little Rock, but the Democrat, though it has its own integrity, lets the Gazette take the initiative. In general, the Democrat follows the same line.

Ashmore assigned a reporter to do a three-part series on Commonwealth College after it had been absolutely proved that Faubus took a course there of undetermined duration and quality and that he was a student orator at a celebration of May Day, the Communist holiday in 1935. A paragraph in the Commonwealth Fortnightly at that time said: "The principal afternoon talk will be given by Orval Faubus on 'the story of May Day'." Another paragraph said: "The director of the celebration will open the day with an address on May Day."

Ashmore's reporter is David W. Hacker. A box of type accompanying his first installment says Hacker has "specialized in reviews dealing with communism, Russia

and the Far East for the book pages of the Gazette and the Louisville Courier-Journal."

His series on Commonwealth gives most of the important facts but with skillful resort to the method that was used by A. A. Berle in his original testimony before the House committee about the Hiss conspirators in the State Department. Whittaker Chambers pleaded with him to get someone to do something and he had a gesture. Berle would make a statement to the committee, or express an opinion and then pull the rug from under himself.

To some extent, Hacker does the same in his study of Commonwealth College and of the governor-elect's involvement for the Arkansas Gazette. It was a Communist college in some ways but in others it wasn't. It was Marxian but also socialistic. There were rumors of free-love and even one complaint and a rough-house police raid, but after all, it seemed that those who were sleeping on pallets in a dormitory were married.

In Hacker's own phrase, "All that is not black is not necessarily white."

Commonwealth finally was closed up and sold out at auction by order of a justice of the peace.

The Rev. L. D. Summers, a Baptist minister, campaigned against Commonwealth until, finally, in September, 1940, formal charges were filed that the college had distributed propaganda with intent to advocate the overthrow of the governments of Arkansas and the United States by violence and other unlawful means. The college, as an institution, was found guilty by Clem Brown, a justice of the peace, and fined \$2,500. A futile attempt was made to transfer its assets to an improvised subsidiary of a New York theatre "study" group. The FBI got into the act, doubtedly into private hands, and Commonwealth disappeared until it became an issue in the Faubus campaign of 1954 with the Arkansas Gazette firmly refraining from anything remotely resembling the menace to American freedom known as "McCarthyism."

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WESTBROOK PEGLER, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. REBUPHONE CALL AUGUST TEN LAST, AND NY TEL AUGUST NINE LAST. AUSA HILL, SDNY, IN ORIGINAL INTERVIEW, STATED THAT HIS OPINION OF THE ENTIRE MATTER WAS THAT FROM THE TESTIMONY HEREIN, THERE SEEMED TO BE SOMETHING QUOTE FISHY UNQUOTE ABOUT THE INCONSISTENCIES CONTAINED THEREIN AND THAT MAYBE THE BUREAU COULD DEVELOP SOME INFORMATION WHICH WOULD INDICATE A VIOLATION OF SECTION ONE FIVE ZERO THREE, USC, IN THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A CORRUPT INTENT TO INFLUENCE A JUROR OR ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE A JUROR. FROM A REVIEW OF MINUTES HERE, WHILE EVIDENCING VARIOUS INCONSISTENCIES IN TESTIMONY AS TO WHO INSTIGATED THE CONVERSATION WHICH IS PERTINENT IN THIS CASE, THERE IS NO INDICATION OF ANY CORRUPT INTENT TO INFLUENCE A JUROR BY ANY OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED. FURTHER, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE INCONSISTENCIES ARE MATERIAL TO THE INSTANT VIOLATION.

HE WAS FINED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND FORBIDDEN TO SERVE AS A JUROR AGAIN. IN THE EVENT THAT ANY INVESTIGATION IS DESIRED BY THE BUREAU, THIS OFFICE BELIEVES THAT THE ONLY NECESSARY INVESTIGATION IS THE INTERVIEW OF

WESTBROOK PEGLER AND MRS. PEGLER, WHO ARE THE ONLY LOGICAL PERSONS WHO HAVE PERTINENT KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *Viper*DATE: 4/9/55 *JH*FROM : L. B. Nichols *for*

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*b-6* Westbrook Pegler called me last week to advise that he understands that Willie Bioff was now in Phoenix, Arizona, and was mixed up in a Federal Housing Program. He stated that his informant was [REDACTED] that he is going to talk to [REDACTED] has any knowledge of Bioff's activities, he will have [REDACTED] contact our Phoenix Office.

I told Pegler that I had heard that Bioff was in Phoenix; that we had no current investigation involving him.

cc - Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Rosen

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A confidential source advised the Bureau on March 24, 1955, that he met [redacted] and during conversation [redacted] had reviewed his problems with the Air Force and the House Committee on Un-American Activities. [redacted] complained of the manner in which his case had been handled and made unfavorable criticisms of Congressman Walter of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and Major General Joseph Carroll of the Office of Special Investigations, U. S. Air Force. The source also believed that [redacted] had been critical of the Bureau and in summing up his problems [redacted] had stated that he was going to get even with the whole bunch.

[redacted] advised the source that Westbrook Pegler's secretary had called him on March 5, 1955, from New York to advise that Pegler was in Arizona and had called her and told her to get in touch with [redacted] to advise that as soon as Pegler returned to New York he wanted to confer with [redacted] indicated to the source that he had been in touch with Pegler regularly and had furnished him with information on Communism. [redacted] stated that he would give Pegler the information he wanted provided Pegler did not use his name. The inference was left with the source that [redacted] was referring to his [redacted] al from the Air Force.

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April 1, 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. BOARDMAN  
MR. BELMONT  
MR. NICHOLS

Today at a conference in the Attorney General's office, attended by the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and myself, there was a discussion of the [REDACTED] Case.

Deputy Attorney General Rogers stated he had been in touch with Chairman Walter, of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives, and that Chairman Walter had told Mr. Rogers that the Department could go right ahead and call Owens before a Grand Jury, if it so desired.

I advised the Attorney General of the recent information concerning [REDACTED] hostile attitude toward the Air Force and General Carroll and possibly the FBI, and of his intention to be in touch shortly with Westbrook Pegler, the columnist. The Attorney General indicated that the Internal Security Division of the Department would proceed very promptly with the presentation of this matter before a Grand Jury in the District of Columbia.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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September 6, 1955

Westbrook Pegler  
Peg

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Edgar:

Enclosed please find a copy of letter dated September 1st that I received from Dick Berlin today. I am sure this will please you, old friend, as much as it did me.

I am now sending the letter I originally dictated on July 31st to Westbrook Pegler, copy of which I am also enclosing.

I notice his recent columns have been written in Geneva and I do not know just how long he will be away but at any rate he will receive my letter on his return.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

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THE HEARST CORPORATION  
959 Eighth Avenue  
New York 19, New York

Richard E. Berlin  
President

September 1, 1955

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Dear [REDACTED]

I returned from a Canadian holiday today, having been away for a month, and found your letter of July 23rd, together with a draft of a letter you propose to send to Pegler about the F.B.I. Certainly, I would send it.

Pegler, of all people, knows that the F.B.I. has no prosecuting power and is simply an investigating agency.

Now that I am home, how about our having lunch together one day in the not too distant future.

Warmest regards,

s/ Dick

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September 6, 1955

Mr. Westbrook Pegler  
NEW YORK JOURNAL-AMERICAN  
New York, New York

Dear Peg:

In your column with a Memphis dateline of July 6th and published in the NEW YORK JOURNAL-AMERICAN of July 7th, there was one short paragraph reading as follows:

"Even the FBI seems to have been apathetic about sabotage and vandalism in the Bell and L and N strikes, although these crimes certainly came within the Bureau's purview."

I sincerely hope you will not take offense at this letter. I have read your column daily over the years and I guess this is the first time I have written you about a suggestion.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is, as its title indicates, an investigatory agency and in no sense a prosecuting agency and, as a matter of fact, it cannot act in many fields on its own initiative but only by referral. I feel that over the years J. Edgar Hoover has always insisted that the Bureau remain strictly an investigatory agency and not one of persecution, evaluation or endorsement.

Again I hope, Peg, you will not mind my writing you this.

With every good wish to you, please believe me,

Sincerely,

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Feastbrook Pegler in an article entitled "Squanderbund's Outpost Abroad," which appeared in the "New York Journal-American," October 10, 1955, was critical of what he called the Roosevelt-Truman character of the huge American Library in Rome and which he indicated is nothing more than a political agency. He indicated that the large window display in the library is under the supervision of Nedville Nordness, Public Affairs Officer, United States Information Service, and that these displays constantly give the Italian public a false account of the position, function and character of unionism in the United States. He commented that these union racketeers are Democrats and have contributed millions to the Roosevelt-Truman-Stevenson campaign funds, wrung from unwilling but helpless American subjects of these bosses. He indicated that magazines published by Henry Luce, whose wife is Clare Booth Luce, Ambassador to Italy, are prominently displayed in the library, but he, Pegler, found no mention in the card index of Eugene Castle's book entitled "Billions, Blunders and Balance" which, according to Pegler, thoroughly exposed this library among other defiant outposts of the American Squanderbund which Paul Hoffman organized at former President Truman's request. Pegler further commented that there is no mention of this book nor of any other factual works, but that the large window display continues to favor the other side. Pegler commented that Nordness formerly worked as the official Bureau Agent to Ambassador Luce.

The article indicated that Pegler, while in Geneva, Switzerland, found David Morse living on the "Yat of the land" at \$20,000 a year as Chief of the International Labor Office and Frank P. Graham turned up as "representative" of the United Nations to India and Pakistan which Pegler described as a fat, tax-exempt, "for another Left-wing Democrat."

Pegler's article commented that certainly Paul Hoffman is no Republican except possibly by registration and that now, another nail or plank in this edifice of deceit, came word that Lord Bell, a Democrat and supporter of Adlai Stevenson and Frank Graham of Robert M. Hutchins, associated with Hoffman in the Fund for the Republic, has been appointed alternate American delegate to the United Nations.

Note: Concerning a memo dated 10-13-55 entitled "ETAL," the Director noted "Suggest we send memo to A.G. & Rogers. H."

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Memorandum to THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Separate memoranda concerning [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] are enclosed herewith for your information.

1 - Mr. William P. Rogers  
Deputy Attorney General

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September 13, 1955

Dear [REDACTED] b-6

It was indeed most encouraging to receive your letter of September 6, 1955, enclosing a copy of your letter to Westbrook Pegler dated September 6, 1955, together with a copy of the note you received from Dick Berlin. It is certainly gratifying to know that friends such as you are looking after the interest of the Bureau at every opportunity. Mr. Pegler, of course, is familiar with the responsibilities and jurisdiction of the FBI which makes it extremely difficult to understand his motives in writing as he does, and without any apparent effort to check his facts.

In so far as the incidents arising from the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Strike are concerned, I thought you might be interested in knowing just what the Bureau did do in connection therewith.

On March 14, 1955, 10 non-operating unions went on strike against the Louisville and Nashville Railroad which continued until May 11, 1955. During the strike incidents of violence to railroad property such as actual train wrecks, tampering with switches, dynamiting and burning bridges were reported. These acts occurred within the Louisville, Mobile, Memphis, Atlanta, Birmingham, Knoxville, New Orleans, and Springfield Divisions of this Bureau, with the greatest number of cases in Louisville and Mobile. These incidents were possible violations of Section 1992, Title 18, the Federal Train Wreck Statute, which prohibits the derailment or attempt to derail or wreck a train in interstate commerce. Approximately 65 cases were reported and all were promptly and thoroughly investigated. As a matter of fact, to insure the

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prompt handling of these matters I ordered 20 additional Agents sent in to Louisville on special assignments.

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As a result of our investigation one [REDACTED] was arrested on a Commissioner's complaint and warrant by Bureau personnel on May 3, 1955, for burning the Louisville and Nashville Bridge at Bonifay, Florida. This individual is presently out on bond and his case has not yet been presented to the Grand Jury. Fifteen indictments were returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Lexington, Kentucky, on July 15, 1955, charging violations of the Federal Train Wreck Statute and Perjury arising from FBI investigations in the Louisville territory.

As a matter of further interest, the Bureau has received commendation from the United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Kentucky indicating that the cooperation received from the FBI was outstanding. The Federal Grand Jury made a special report denouncing the lack of local law enforcement and commending the FBI. Mr. John E. Telford, President, Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, likewise has communicated with me commenting very favorably with regard to our investigations in this matter relative to violations of the Federal Train Wreck Statute. Investigation is still continuing in 24 cases including those which were subject of Grand Jury action.

During the strike of the Communication Workers of America against the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company between March 14, 1955, and May 25, 1955, a large number of incidents of damage to telephone company facilities were reported to the FBI in the affected states. They were reported as possible violations of the Sabotage Statutes but company officials reporting the incidents advised that they were the results of strike activity and the facts so indicated. In no instance was there indicated any specific intent

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to interfere with, injure or obstruct the national defense as set forth in Section 2155, Title 18, United States Code, the pertinent Sabotage Statute. Our activity in this matter was confined to receiving the information reported and furnishing it promptly to the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice, advising them that no investigation would be initiated except at their specific request. No investigation was requested. In one particular case involving the cutting of a telephone cable at Charlotte, North Carolina, resulting in disrupting the telephone service to the Civil Aeronautics Administration, the Civil Air Patrol, a unit of the Strategic Air Command, a U.S. Naval Aviation Volunteer Unit, the U. S. Weather Bureau, and a Bomber Squadron of the Air National Guard, the facts were taken up with the Internal Security Division of the Department and we were informed that the facts did not appear to constitute a violation of the pertinent Sabotage Statute referred to above due to the lack of intent. We were also informed that the facts were considered under Section 1362, Title 18, (Damage to Communication Facilities Operated and Controlled by the Government) but there was no violation since the actual telephone lines were not under Government control.

In view of your interest in this matter I simply thought that you might desire to have the above information.

Best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: October 13, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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SYNOPSIS:

Westbrook Pegler's "New York Journal-American" article of 10-10-55 entitled "Squanderbund's Outpost Abroad" is critical of the Roosevelt-Truman character of the American Library in Rome, referring to it as a political agency. The Director has requested memoranda on

all of whom are mentioned in the article. Pegler reports Noraness, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Information Service in Rome, and former Press Agent for Ambassador Clare Booth Luce, responsible for library window displays which give the Italian public a false account of the position and character of unionism in the United States. Pegler refers to Morse as a New Dealer who is Chief of the International Labor Office and to Graham "of similar politics" as a "representative" of the United Nations to India and Pakistan. Pegler commented that Bell, an admirer of Robert M. Hutchins, of the "left-wing Fund for the Republic, has been appointed alternate American delegate to the United Nations."

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DETAILS:

Westbrook Pegler in an article entitled "Squanderbund's Outpost Abroad" which appeared in the "New York Journal-American," October 10, 1955, was critical of what he called the Roosevelt-Truman character of the huge American Library in Rome and which he indicated is nothing more than a political agency. He indicated that the large window display in the library is under the supervision of Nedville Nordness, Public Affairs Officer, U. S. Information Service, and that these displays constantly give the Italian public a false account of the position, function and character of unionism in the United States. He commented that these union racketeers are Democrats and have contributed millions to the Roosevelt-Truman-Stevenson campaign funds, wrung from unwilling but helpless American subjects of these bosses. He indicated that magazines published by Henry Luce, whose wife is Clare Booth Luce, Ambassadors to Italy, are prominently displayed in the library, but he, Pegler, found no mention in the card index of Eugene Castle's book entitled "Billions, Blunders and Baloney" which, according to Pegler, thoroughly exposed this library among other defiant outposts of the American squanderbund which Paul Hoffman organized at former President Truman's request. Pegler further commented that there is no mention of this book nor of any other factual works, but that the large window display continues to favor the other side. Pegler commented that Nordness formerly worked as the official Press Agent to "Ambassadors" Luce.

The article indicated that Pegler, while in Geneva, Switzerland, found David Morse living on the fat of the land at \$20,000 a year as Chief of the International Labor Office and Frank P. Graham turned up as "representative" of the United Nations to India and Pakistan which Pegler described as a fat subsidy, tax-exempt, for another Left-wing Democrat.

Pegler's article commented that certainly Paul Hoffman is no Republican except possibly by registration and that now, as another nail or plank in this edifice of deceit, came word that one Laird Bell, a Democrat and supporter of Adlai Stevenson and a frank admirer of Robert M. Hutchins, associated with Hoffman in the Fund for the Republic, has been appointed alternate American delegate to the United Nations.

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Separate memoranda concerning [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] are enclosed herewith.

As Pegler Sees It:

## Squanderbund's Outpost Abroad

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

ROME: I have touched upon the continuing Roosevelt-Truman character of the huge American Library in Rome, supported with the taxes of Republicans who can go to prison for failure to pay for the support of this political agency. This library has not changed character in the four years since I last looked at the index files and the books on the shelves.

Magazines published by Henry Luce, whose wife sits in the embassy just across the street, are prominently displayed, but I found in the card index no mention of Eugene Castle's book, "Billions, Blunders and Baloney," which thoroughly exposed this very library among other defiant outposts of the American squanderbund which Paul Hoffman organized at Truman's request. There was no mention of this book nor of any other factual works. But the large window display in one of the most prominent positions in Rome continues to favor the other side.

The chief of the information service in Rome is Ned Nordness but he was put out of action soon after I landed by a pet dog which bit him rather badly. Nobody else could answer questions for him. Who gets up these window displays which constantly give the Italian public a false account of the position, function and character of unionism in the United States? These union racketeers are Democrats all and they have contributed millions to the Roosevelt-Truman-Stevenson campaign funds, wrung from unwilling but helpless American subjects of these bosses.

### Clever Imposition

Why doesn't Nordness ever put on a display apprising the Italian public of these facts?

These frauds do not just happen. They take thought and work and they are a clever imposition on the Italians who believe them. I tried to find someone who could speak for Nordness but nobody had authority.

The next display after the great Labor Day tribute to George Meaney, Walter Reuther, Dave Dubinsky and others who never were Republicans, was a plug for the paper-bound book-trade.

That might be regarded as unfair treatment by the publishers of hard-back books, who also pay taxes. But worse than that, this display was a studied, brazen ballyhoo for the Saturday Review of Literature whose literary camouflage is only a disguise for its political policies. Those policies are as radical and anti-Republican as those of any other American publication this side of the Communist party organs.

Even while Nordness was laid up, someone, possibly himself, cooked up this display in the ballyhoo frames on a building supported with the taxes of Republicans, including me.

There were four presentations of the Saturday Review without the slightest warning to the Italians that they were reading ballyhoo for a radical political organ rather than a strictly literary publication.

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### Joe's Political Enemy

Of course Clare's husband, Henry Luce, is a political enemy of Joe McCarthy for many reasons including the fact that McCarthy personally defeated Luce's friend and business associate, William Benton, Democrat, for re-election as Senator from Connecticut.

Nordness formerly worked as Clare's official press agent at the embassy a hundred yards away.

In Geneva I found an old-time New Dealer, David Morse, living on the fat of the land at \$20,000 a year, exempt from income tax, with free car, driver and fuel, as chief of the International Labor Office. And Frank P. Graham, of similar politics, turns up as "representative" of the United Nations to India and Pakistan, a fat subsidy, also tax-exempt, for another Left-wing Democrat.

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Certainly Paul Hoffman is no Republican except possibly by registration. And now, as another nail or plank in this edifice of deceit, comes word that one Laura Bell, a Democrat and supporter of Adlai Stevenson and a frank admirer of Robert M. Hutchins, associated with Hoffman in the left-wing Fund for the Republic, has been appointed alternate American delegate to the United Nations.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *Viper*

DATE: 1/27/56

FROM : L. B. Nichols *Nichols*

SUBJECT:

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For record purposes, Westbrook Pegler called from Tucson, Arizona, on the afternoon of 1/26/56, advising that he understands that "that gunrunner who was convicted some years ago and who publishes a paper in Las Vegas", meaning [REDACTED] was, he believed, the subject of some interest by a Grand Jury and he does not know whether it is a Federal Grand Jury or a local one. In any event, Pegler advised he understands [REDACTED] is to make a speech at Tucson next Monday night and was also going to speak in Phoenix probably on Sunday and he wondered if we were going to cover him in order to know what he was talking on. Pegler was asked what group [REDACTED] was addressing and he stated it would be the United Jewish Appeal.

Pegler was advised that we could not answer his question one way or the other directly but as he knew we had people in those areas and if anything of interest did come up we would undoubtedly learn about it. Pegler stated that he thought he would tip us off any way so that if we did want to know where he was and what he was talking about, we might want to have someone listen. He was thanked for his call.

It is our understanding that he is working up a series of articles to go after [REDACTED]

cc - Mr. Boardman  
 Mr. Belmont

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DIRECTOR, FBI - ATTENTION: MR. L. B. NICHOLS  
ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR

WILLIE BIOFF, aka  
William Nelson  
MISCELLANEOUS-Information Concerning

There is transmitted herewith ~~the~~ WESTBROOK PEGLER's column which appeared in the Monday, March 26, 1956, issue of the Arizona Republic. The column is self-explanatory.

I interviewed [REDACTED] at 9:40 am, 3/26/56, as soon as he could see me.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that the allegation which PEGLER credits to the Federal District Judge is completely without basis in fact. [REDACTED] stated he never went shooting with Judge LING, never went shooting with WILLIE BIOFF, never introduced WILLIE BIOFF as NELSON or BIOFF to Judge LING and has no knowledge that BIOFF had ever gone to the skeet range. [REDACTED] stated he has in the regular course of business a good deal of contact with Judge LING, but he has absolutely no recollection of the incident related by [REDACTED]

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Judge LING.

The "local acquaintance" referred to in paragraph 2 in PEGLER's column is not known to this office. All agents in this office at the present time have categorically and flatly denied ever going shooting with BIOFF or being present when he was shooting. The nearest thing I have been able to find to BIOFF's being present when shooting was going on was the incident related above.

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SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] recall being at the skeet course with Judge LING and former SAC NORRIS one Saturday morning at the Phoenix PD range at South Mountain. They cannot set the date but believe it was Spring 1952. SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] knew identity of WILLIE BIOFF. Both recalled seeing BIOFF come to the range with some third person, both are positive BIOFF did not shoot while they were there. Both are positive BIOFF was no guest of any agent and had no association at the range with any agent. SA [REDACTED] was at the range but did not know the identity of BIOFF and has no recollection of any stranger at the range that day.

BIOFF was interviewed on a couple of occasions on official business, but he was not productive and no informant file was opened on him.

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**WILLIE BIOFF, AKA. WILLIAM NELSON;  
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*Westbrook Pegler*

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With regard WILLIE BIOFF, I do not recall ever having met this individual either under his true name or alias. I am at a loss to understand why my name was ever mentioned in PEGLER'S column of March 26, 1956, or where information was received by PEGLER re shooting scrapes I have ever participated in. The only occasion BIOFF, or anyone else, would have had to observe me on the range would have been during an exhibition. I wish to advise that any time I give a firearms exhibition no individual fires the guns I have, or do I participate in exhibitions where there is other shooting on the range, unless the firing is done either prior to or subsequent to my exhibition.

Neither do I recall ever having met Judge DAVE LING.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 3/26/56

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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SAC Crosby called from Phoenix. Westbrook Pegler's column makes reference to Willie Bioff shooting skeet on local range with Special Agent William Drew. Crosby stated the column was cockeyed. The facts are as follows:

[REDACTED]

Special Agent Drew, contrary to Pegler's column, was not at the range on the occasion mentioned and [REDACTED] states that he made no such statement to Pegler. Pegler further states in his column that the FBI is an uncommunicative organization. Crosby stated that this is true because when Pegler was recently in Phoenix inquiring about the Bioff case, Crosby was obviously uncommunicative. Crosby is sending in full details of the background of the Pegler column.

cc - Mr. Boardman  
 Mr. Rosen

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TO : Mr. Mohr

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FROM : H. L. Edwards

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SUBJECT:

ALLEGATIONS BY WESTBROOK PEGLER  
INVOLVING WILLIE BIOFF AND  
SA WILLIAM M. DREW, PHOENIX DIVISION

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Pegler's column of 3/26/56 contains the following:

"Willie Bioff hiding in Phoenix under the name of William Nelson, visited the target range used by the FBI and the sheriff's force of Phoenix, the capital of Arizona, and practiced shooting. One of his companions was Judge Dave Ling of the Federal District Court, who laughingly admitted to me that he had met Mr. Nelson through William Drew, an agent of the local bureau of the FBI. Judge Ling did not then know that Nelson was Bioff.

A local acquaintance of Bioff who had known him elsewhere in the past said Willie boasted that he fired both submachine guns and a pistol on some occasions and claimed to have outshot all the agents and deputies except one expert named Bryce who had shot it out with John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson and other famous criminals. It is possible that Bioff was acting as stool-pigeon in his latter years and that the FBI wanted to keep him in that service."

After further discussion in the column about Bioff and his past Pegler stated, "The FBI is not a confiding service, so its cryptic comment that Willie was neither wanted nor the subject of any inquiry, need not be taken to mean just that. \*\*\*"

SAC Crosby, Phoenix, interviewed

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SA Drew has advised that he never went shooting with Judge Ling or Willie Bioff, never introduced Bioff either as Nelson or Bioff to Judge Ling and has no knowledge that Bioff had ever gone to the skeet range. SA Drew has a good deal of contact with Judge Ling in the regular course of business but the agent has no recollection of the incident related by [REDACTED]

SAC Crosby states the "local acquaintance" referred to in Pegler's column is not known to the Phoenix Office. All agents present assigned to Phoenix have categorically denied ever shooting with Bioff or being present when Bioff was shooting. SAs J. Vernon Tuckey, H. R. McCullough, Jr., and J. Bailey Brower recall being at the skeet course with Judge Ling and former SAC Norris one Saturday morning at the Phoenix Police Department range. They believed this occurred in the Spring of 1952. SAs Brower and Tuckey knew the identity of Bioff and both recall seeing him come to the range with some third person but both are positive Bioff did not shoot while they were there. Both are positive Bioff was no guest of any agent and had no association with any agent at the range. SA McCullough was also at the range but did not know the identity of Bioff at that time and has no recollection of any stranger at the range that day.

SAC Crosby states that Pegler's comment that the FBI is an uncommunicative organization is true because when Pegler was recently in Phoenix inquiring about the Bioff case Crosby was obviously uncommunicative to Pegler. The Bureau was previously advised of this contact. SAC Crosby points out that Bioff was interviewed on a couple of occasions on official business but he was not productive and no informant file was opened on him.

The above is submitted for information and it is not felt that any further action in the matter is warranted.

*Suggest we ask  
Drew whether  
he knows anything  
about this*

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PERMANENT BRIEF OF SA DREW'S PERSONNEL FILE IS ATTACHED.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

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FROM : L. B. Nichols

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I saw Peg at the Gridiron Club dinner Saturday night. He stated he wanted to come in and see me while he was in town. He did come by the office on Wednesday evening, May 16.

In the course of the conversation, I jumped him on his recent column which referred to Willie Bioff being introduced to Federal Judge Ling by a Bureau agent. Peg stated that he got this information from Judge Ling. I told him that this was rather difficult to conceive because when his column appeared this had been the cause of considerable concern and that SAC Crosby had looked into the matter and had even talked to Judge Ling who had informed him that there was no basis in fact for the involvement of the Bureau; that the Judge had recognized Willie Bioff after his assassination as an individual who had been at the firearms range and had inquired of an agent whether he was not the person who hung out in front of a brokerage firm and the agent stated he had.

Pegler stated he was shocked at this; that he does not make things up out of thin air; that he would not write anything deliberately to hurt the Bureau. I interrupted Peg at this point and told him that he should stop kidding. I then took him to task for the Civil Rights series in New York and he admitted that he had gone off the deep end but that his real criticism here is not against the FBI but against the Department of Justice for injecting us into local matters. He stated that he would have his notes checked immediately and that if he did anything wrong he certainly would apologize the next time he was out in Arizona to Crosby. I told him that I did not recall all the details but would look it up and talk to him further.

I did talk to him on the phone briefly on May 17. He had called his secretary who had checked his notes and Peg's first lead came from a Federal Judge to the effect that linked him as a social acquaintance to Bioff and that he had been introduced to Bioff by the FBI and that he had confirmed this with Ling.

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Will - I told him I had also checked this out and the facts were that namely Ling was at the range with an agent when a car drove up, a broker got out, and an individual remained in the car. The individual was later identified as Willie Bioff. Willie Bioff was never introduced to Judge Ling by the FBI, but that after the assassination of Bioff in Phoenix on 11-4-55, Judge Ling asked Agent Drew whom Pegler stated in his column had introduced Bioff to Judge Ling, as to whether Bioff was the heavy-set fellow who used to stand in front of the brokerage office. Drew told him he was. *was, William Nelson*

ARIZ - I further told Pegler that he further went out on a limb in his March 30 column when he referred to Bioff as a social protegee of the FBI in Phoenix under the auspices of an agent who was introduced to Judge Ling, as William Nelson, whereupon Ling, the agent and Bioff drove to a shooting range for practice. I told Pegler that this was completely inaccurate and I was frankly amazed at him. I further referred to Pegler's March 26, column wherein he stated that Bioff had boasted that he had outshot all agents except an individual named Price. I told him Price did not even know Bioff and that he really did a dis-service to all these boys.

*Price(?)*  
Pegler was very apologetic and is going to check his notes when he gets back in Arizona and is going to call on Crosby and try to make amends. I told him that this was so much water over the dam and he should not bother. When I see Crosby in Phoenix next week, I will inform him of the conversation with Pegler and tell him not to become involved in any extensive discussion with Pegler should he call at the office.

Pegler's next big campaign is going to initiate disbarment proceeding in Brooklyn against Herman Greenspun of Los Vegas, Nevada. Pegler further told me that the Internal Security Subcommittee had told him about some of the papers in the Morgenthau Dairy reflecting that Adam Von Trott, a suspected German agent, had visited with Felix Frankfurter and Pegler, of course, is gunning for Frankfurter. I asked him how he got this information and he told me that it was in the Dairy. I told him that I had not heard of this being put in the record and I thought he should be very cautious on this. He was also told that Von Trott was an associate of William J. Schieffelin, who is one of Arthur Goldsmith's associates. I told Pegler to check further and he would probably find that Von Trott was a distant relative of Schieffelin who was over here before we got into the war. *No L.C.*

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In refreshing my recollection, Von Trott attended the IPR convention at Virginia Beach in November, 1939. He arrived in the U.S. 10-2-39, and went back to Germany via Japan in 1940. Von Trott is a reported nephew of Schieffelin.

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Seattle 4, Washington  
October 16, 1956

VP  
Mr. L. B. Nichols  
Assistant to Director  
FBI, USDI  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Lou,

A situation has developed here which may be of interest to you. The local Hearst newspaper, "The Seattle Post-Intelligencer", usually carries a column by Westbrook Pegler five days a week, exclusive of the weekend.

An SAC Contact on that paper has advised me that a Pegler column had come in for normal publication September 13, 1956, but that Charles E. Lindeman, publisher, had instructed that it not be utilized. This source was of the opinion that the particular column would not be utilized on the West Coast. I can speak only for Seattle, however.

A source on the other Seattle paper has made available photostats of three Pegler columns to have appeared September 13, 14 and 24, 1956, but which did not so appear.

Frank Crosby, at my request, has located a subsequent Pegler column which was to appear October 5, 1956, in Arizona, but which did not appear in Seattle.

All of these columns have attacked Frank Brewster, President of the Western Conference of Teamsters, and John J. Sweeney, Secretary-Treasurer of the Western Conference of Teamsters, outlining their operation of a racing stable.

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Last Spring my SAC Contact on the P-I told me that [redacted] had said he was delighted with the situation brewing in Portland, Oregon (the probe involving [redacted] and local law enforcement authorities.) He added that [redacted] would like to see Brewster in difficulty. However, my contact advised that the P-I would play down the Portland situation in view of the fact that the P-I publisher,

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Lindeman, Frank Brewster and William B. Edris were a triumvirate and extremely close friends, to the extent that they were closely associated in [redacted] real estate and social interest and were together every afternoon. Edris is a wealthy financier and business and social associate of Joe Gottstein and others presently active in Northwest horse racing circles. Edris and Senator Warren Magnuson are very close friends. Brewster may now be back in the Beck fold.

I have had an examination made of "The Seattle Post-Intelligencer" for the period September 10 through October 10, 1956, and no such columns appeared. No Pegler columns appeared in the Seattle P-I on September 13 or 14, 1956. A Pegler column did appear September 24 and October 5, but related to something else.

You may want to pass along some of this to Pegler through someone who deals with him.

No action  
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Regards,

*DR*

R. D. AUERBACH

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: October 22, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols *hjs*

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SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Winterrowd ✓  
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Holloman ✓  
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Westbrook Pegler called at 4:15 p.m. on Saturday, 10/20/56. I was out at the time and DeLoach asked if he could be of any assistance. Pegler was calling from Tucson, Arizona. He stated he had received a letter that date from one [REDACTED]

In the letter [REDACTED] told Pegler there was something going on in Las Vegas that Pegler should not take lightly. [REDACTED] told Pegler he wanted to see him as soon as possible. Pegler told DeLoach he immediately got in touch with [REDACTED] by telephone.

During Pegler's telephone conversation with [REDACTED] told him that he had [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] told Pegler that he had been approached by one [REDACTED] a reported confidence man and thief. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] and one [REDACTED] had approached him, with a proposition that [REDACTED] should bump off Pegler. [REDACTED] reportedly told that he wanted to cut him in on the deal. [REDACTED] promptly got in touch with Pegler as mentioned above. [REDACTED] was described by [REDACTED] as an individual who previously had been convicted of 2 armed robberies.

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Pegler stated that the entire episode might be a figment of [REDACTED] imagination. Pegler wanted to know, however, if the FBI would investigate the matter. DeLoach told him there appeared to be no FBI jurisdiction. Pegler then brought up the Riesel case and stated bluntly that if we handled the Riesel matter it appeared we should also handle this matter. He was told that the Riesel matter represented a different set of circumstances; that we had been ordered into the Riesel case as a result of a possible attempt to stifle testimony. DeLoach then asked Pegler if there were any such circumstances surrounding his case. Pegler replied in the negative and then stated that USA Paul Williams, New York, was just a "big mouth" who had no business involving the FBI in the Riesel case in the first place. EX-127

cc - Mr. Rosen

cc - Mr. Belmont

cc - Mr. W. A. Jones

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*I fear we will always be  
plagued for entering the Riesel  
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Memorandum from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson

October 22, 1956

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Pegler next wanted to know if SAC Frank Crosby of Phoenix, whom he stated he had met once before, would go out and interview [REDACTED]. He was advised that inasmuch as there appeared to be no Federal jurisdiction in this matter that Crosby would have no right whatsoever to interview [REDACTED]. It was suggested to Pegler that he might desire to bring this matter to the attention of the local police. He then stated that the police in Tucson and Phoenix were "keystone cops" and that he wanted no part of them. He added that he did not desire "FBI protection" and that actually, after thinking the matter over, he could see where the FBI had no jurisdiction. He stated that in the event we reconsidered and did want to enter the matter he could be reached at his unlisted telephone number in Tucson, MAin 2-5765. He then stated he would be in Phoenix on Monday afternoon and he might give SAC Crosby a ring at that time. After these remarks, Pegler went into a diatribe against former Secretary of Labor Durkin and several other individuals who, as he termed it, were members of the "old Roosevelt gang." He ended up by stating that he knew he had antagonized both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] but he didn't think they would try to "knock him off."

This matter was brought to my attention and also to Mr. Belmont's attention. We both agreed there was no jurisdiction. I had DeLoach call SAC Crosby and inform him of the facts, including the fact that Pegler might call him on Monday afternoon, 10-22-56. Crosby was told to be most circumspect in his dealings with Pegler and that he should clear with the Bureau before taking any action whatsoever.

ACTION:

This memorandum should be forwarded to the Investigative Division for information. It might be a good idea to conduct file checks on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] is, of course, well known to the Bureau.

V. V. D.  
Very well handled by DeLoach

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *RS*

DATE: October 24, 1956

FROM : Mr. Price *JP*SUBJECT: WESTBROOK PEGLER  
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With reference to the attached memorandum, Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson, concerning the suggestion that we check our files on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who are mentioned with respect to the "bumping off" of Pegler, the following is set forth from a review of our files:

*Summary*  
The following information concerns [REDACTED]

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cc - Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Belmont

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[REDACTED] A check of Bureau files and the Identification Division files fail to reveal any information which could possibly be identified with [REDACTED] No 102

RECOMMENDATION:

The above is for your information.

*Handwritten signatures and initials:*  
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Mr. Hoover.

Federal Bureau. Investigation.  
Washington, D.C.

Westbrook

Dear Sir.

Pegler

I am writing  
sir regards to Westbrook Pegler of  
The Boston American, on Jan 23 1957 he  
stated that members of government force  
there Anti Red feeling were dealt  
with very rough, naming Sen. Joe  
McCarthy, General K. B. Lawton and  
Vice President Nixon. I don't think  
this is fair to the men whose

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It would ~~it~~ like to ~~me~~ know  
why he is allowed to make  
statements like this, because  
some people might think it  
all true, please let me know  
the facts in regards to this  
matter

Yours truly

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**January 30, 1957**

DATE 12/7/83 BY SP/maclka

62-35175 Your letter dated January 23, 1957, has been received. The thought prompting your writing is appreciated, and I was interested in having the benefit of your observations and comments.

In connection with the matter you mentioned, I regret that I am unable to answer your inquiry since information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I know you will understand the reasons for this rule and will not infer either that we do or that we do not have information along the lines you suggested.

Sincerely yours,

**John Edgar Hoover**  
**Director**

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As Pegler Sees It:

# You Can't Call A Judge a Bum

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

I KEEP ASKING my lawyer why I can't have some kind of trial before an impartial tribunal when I call some judge a bum and he belts me for contempt of court. The judge actually means that I insulted his own majesty and that is just about the case, too, because the bum is a bum. I just express my honest opinion of him and I should be allowed to state my reasons and put the proposition to a jury vote.

Actually, the court itself doesn't matter one way or another.

What is a court, anyway? Why is a court sacred? It is just a room where people commit perjury and lawyers outsmart one another at the expense of individual chumps who get pinched or sued. A court is no more majestic than any other public room.

But my lawyer keeps telling me that it is impossible for a court to be contemptible or despicable in this country. He is a very nice fellow and he makes a lot of money, but he seems to me to be absolutely nuts on this matter.

Why can't a court be contemptible or despicable? My lawyer says because that just happens to be the way it is, that's all.

Isn't that a swell answer from a guy who spent all those years learning the old mandamus potatoes at Harvard Law?

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*This is terrific  
 when Pegler  
 speaks & humors  
 he is good.*

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### **They Become 'Your Honor'**

He knows judges on the bench, and that includes the Federal benches, too, from way back when they were kids in school, back when the judge was a hustler around the clubhouse of the Assembly District or some police station. They were bums then and they bought their jobs by kicking in money to the organization and pulling tricks at the polls and conventions. But when they climb on the bench all that goes into the past and their character changes and they become "Your Honor." You can't call them old nicknames like Gyp or Lefty or you will find yourself in the cooler and pay a fine of \$50.

Do people call the President "Your Honor"? Do they call a Bishop "Your Honor"? If I have to call some bum on a bench "Your Honor," why doesn't he call me the same? But no; you know what the bums do? They soon get so they think they are great exalted spirits to be addressed only in the third person, like kings. They say they can't keep decorum otherwise. Well, that is just too bad. Maybe decorum is what is wrong with the courts. One of the things wrong with them, anyway. Except that when the judge is hung over from tying a bag on at some christening or shakedown banquet the night before, he will bellow and snarl and bang that bung-starter at some poor, tremulous Joe before the bar who wonders what the heck he did to bring this down on him and whether he is going to get life just for walking into court wearing a cigar butt in his face. What is so terrible about that. Didn't those bums ever see a guy with a butt in his face before?

It is mighty darn strange to me that when a bum on the bench gets his nose out of joint at some citizen over some trifling thing, and the judge cites him for "contempt," the judge becomes complaining witness, aggrieved party, prosecutor and judge, all in one, and the poor guy who now becomes defendant can't do anything but just stand there and take it. I contend that he should be able to transfer into some other court, draw a jury and say, "Yes, I called the bum a bum because he is a bum and I am going to prove it to you," and then put the bum on the witness stand and make a bum of him. The bums!

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Dear Mr. Pegler:

I have received your letter of April 18, 1958, with  
enclosure.

It was thoughtful of you to forward me the information  
mentioned in your enclosure, and you may be assured it will be  
made a matter of record.

Thank you for your favorable remarks regarding  
"Masters of Deceit."

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Relations with Pegler ~~has~~ been strained over the years, and he  
has often been critical of the Bureau and its operation. There has not  
been a great deal of correspondence with him; however, on January 29,  
1958, the Director sent him a letter of thanks for some information he  
furnished which was found to be of no interest to the Bureau but of  
possible interest to the Post Office Department.

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As Pegler Sees It:

# Union Bosses Get Draft Exemption

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

LOS ANGELES: Senators Knowland and Goldwater, the two political leaders who have staked their all on The Right to Work, never dare go so far as to say that unionism of itself is bad. They stop at a thin, meandering line far short of the truth and haggle over details. But all this petty stuff has been



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canvassed to suffocation since about 1937 when it first dawned on a few uncompromising enemies of plain corruption that, by their own fierce claims of lawless privilege, unions classed themselves as enemies of the people and government of this nation, and of morals.

I should like to present today, for the first time on any page as far as my knowledge goes, the grisly fact that the national government has invested union bosses in a glorious cloth of special privilege because of an implied precious value to the nation which they prey upon. All unionneers, from the purest, by their own pious profession, such as Meany, Dubinsky and the weakling Carey of the inner bureaucracy, down to Dio, Block and Hoffa, are exempt from conscription and the mortal perils of battle. They are excused because their work is deemed to be patriotic and pro bono publico. No more offensive sneer at the sacrifice of decent men called to the colors has ever been fetched the true aristocracy of the United States, the men who fight the wars in defense of those "freedoms" of which the Underworld of Thought incessantly prattles.

Without specific warrant in law, the Roosevelt regime hit upon exemption of unionneers as a bribe to a whole apparatus of upstarts who had demonstrated alarming power and willingness to throw emery dust in the wheels. One fraud calling himself De Lorenzo, a phone-book selection which seemed nicer than his native Posner, was passed over by the draft boards and left in power thousands of miles from battle. Posner blurted to Agnes Meyer, the wife of the owner of the Washington Post, that he would gladly sacrifice patriotic American fliers in battle by making defective planes rather than waive an advantage for his union.

He was an arrogant, bulldozing jailbird boss of a demoralized aircraft plant which Roosevelt in desperation finally handed over to Henry Kaiser. Posner's union was Walter Reuther's admirable UAW, whose record of strikes and sabotage, as a whole, was the worst of all.

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The biographies of George Meany and an overwhelming majority of the bosses reveal no war service. Meany was ordained a journeyman plumber in 1915 at the age of 21, but, in the absence of any mention of war service, he invites the assumption that he took a pass.

James Carey is a very pugnacious fellow by mimeograph. In a magazine ovation to his wholesome domesticity published during the second war, he took kudos from the fact that his brother was in combat overseas. He personally, however, spent the war in Washington.

David Dubinsky and Sidney Hillman took refuge here from the horrors of Imperial Russia, both of an age to serve. The late Ben Stolberg, in a master-work on Dubinsky entitled "Tailor's Progress," called a role of 30 others who never shouldered arms for the land of promise, in an age parallel to thousands of American soldiers who were born here.

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The fact is worth hammering home that union-baiters rate exemption on a fraudulent representation that they "contribute" something. On the contrary, union rapacity and the organized inefficiency and waste inflicted on a bedeviled people cost billions of dollars and doubtless many lives of better men.

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Mr. Westbrook Pegler  
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Dear Mr. Pegler:

I have just read your excellent column ~~"Those Persistent Hoover Attackers,"~~ and I certainly appreciate your staunch defense. The character of the opposition speaks for itself, and I am deeply grateful for your clarifying the nature of this smear for the reading public.

Sincerely yours,

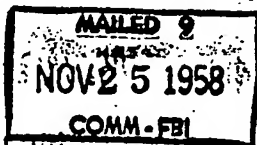
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... Pegler Sees It:

# Those P... Hoover A...

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By WESTBROOK PEGLER

A NEW attack on the FBI and J. Edgar Hoover is now in force and may be reasonably regarded as an undertaking of Americans for Democratic Action. Although this is not a Communist front, some of its political purposes are not in open conflict with those of the Communist movement. The Communists, of course, have been the most vigorous political fighters against the FBI ever since the Harding Administration. But other critics and enemies of the Bureau have no connection with the Muscovite movement.



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In a long, tiresome article of 37 pages in the Nation, the early history of the FBI recently was examined with scorn by Fred Cook, who recently published also a book in vindication of Alger Hiss. Cook is a reporter on Roy Howard's New York World-Telegram. His political slant is his own and the fact that he imparts to this Nation propaganda the skill of a good news-writer adds gravity to the campaign against the FBI.

After the Nation had teed off with Cook's discussion, the New York Post sent reporters to interview Sherman Billingsley, the owner of the Stork Club, and Toots Shor, the steakhouse man, about Hoover. Hoover has patronized both places. However, he is not a drinker and neither place is a hangout of the underworld although, inevitably, some notorious individuals do happen in for drinks, food and conversation.

Hoover was only a clerk in the FBI during a long phase of the discussion in the Nation. After he became director in 1924 he organized the Bureau for efficiency and reliability and naturally made enemies by investigating communism.

## He Picked Truman

Max Lowenthal, a lawyer of enormous pomposity, wrote a book of 559 pages attacking Hoover and the FBI. Later Jonathan Daniels, the owner-publisher of the Raleigh (N.C.) News and Observer, revealed that, as Harry Truman's confidential man in the White House, he had learned that Lowenthal was the first one to pick Truman for the vice presidency.

When the House Committee on Un-American Activities tried to nail Lowenthal down concerning his acquaintance with questionable figures, Lowenthal wiggled away with bluster and evasions.

Congressman Dondero of Michigan later said in a speech on the floor: "By pulling strings Lowenthal acquired the title of Adviser to General Clay in Germany... He had as assistant George Shaw Wheeler, the American traitor, Communist and renegade who shocked all America when he denounced the land of his birth and asked Czechoslovakia for asylum."

In one of the Senate investigations of subversion, Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, named by witnesses as chief of a Communist cell in the Alger Hiss days, refused to answer whether he knew Lowenthal. So did Frederick Palmer Weber, who said, "I plead my privilege" concerning questions about Lowenthal.

Hoover has said that he takes pride in the character of his staff.

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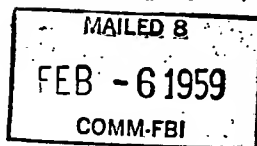
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Dear Mr. Pegler:

I saw your column of February 4, 1959,  
in which you made some very favorable comments  
regarding my leadership of FBI activities.

Your remarks are encouraging, and  
I hope that our future operations against the evil  
forces which seek to destroy the American way of  
life will continue to merit your approval.



Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: The Director wrote Pegler on 11-24-58 a brief note of approval,  
similar to above, regarding a commendatory column entitled  
"Those Persistent Hoover Attackers" concerning the smear campaign.

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As Pegler Sees It: 27

# Nobody Can Impugn FBI Chief's Honor

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

IF ELEANOR ROOSEVELT'S party should elect her ticket in 1960, the Attorney General probably would be Paul Ziffren, a Los Angeles lawyer, who landed there from Chicago where he took politics as an honor student in the Jake Arvey school. Ziffren of course would fire J. Edgar Hoover from command of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and give it to some person acceptable to Mrs. Roosevelt, her son, Jimmy, who lately moved to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and Congressman Mahony Celler, of New York, who has advocated the same thing in a different form.



PEGLER

Hoover is aggressively anti-Communist. Mrs. Roosevelt and the eaglet are theoretical antis. But Hoover would have plenty of time between election and inauguration in which to choose a future career fighting Communists and crime. He would turn in his papers and his badge and get going at last, having weathered many a political plot and smears of political agents who can't find anything as bad in the works of the Red underworld as they readily see in the patriotic functions of such men as Hoover, Joe McCarthy, Pat McCarran, and a long roster of loyalist Americans.

Hoover has had many offers ere now, but has preferred to play out his hand in a remarkably austere observance of a code which nowadays is discredited more flagrantly by the Roosevelts themselves than by any other family of profiteers in public trust and the election returns.

John Edgar Hoover, originally nominated by Herbert Hoover and appointed by Cal Coolidge, has authored or authorized many articles and books about all phases of his work. But he has always refused to take fees or royalties because he didn't mean to be faulted by people who could not morally fault Alger Hiss. Though there is always a good market for stuff about prostitution, as Egbert Murrow showed in one of his uplift projects, Mr. Hoover has never let any writer working in his name bear down on that. He has kept the act scrupulously nice.

He has made many enemies including some agents who quit the Bureau in anger or smoldering hatred. But, as one who hears more gossip than most citizens, I freely certify that I have never heard any criticism that impugned his honor, his patriotism or his morals. The White House, itself, has swarmed with individuals of both genders these last 26 years who could not match their records and reputations against him.

Ziffren seems to have been more responsible than anyone else for the coup of landing tentatively the Democratic convention for Los Angeles and that means that he has put the California Democratic machine in his debt. He laid an egg when, in 1958, Helen Gahagan Douglas, the old-time movie actress and hardly a queen, as George Ade said, but about a nine-spot, ran against Dick Nixon for the Senate. Ziffren was her campaign manager.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities was the pig to be stuck because Dick Nixon had been the member who came up in the case of Whittaker Chambers' punkin papers. Nixon knocked Helen's brains out in the genteel phrase of the smoke-filled rooms and she hasn't been heard from since.

Lest it be thought that this is just another unprovoked assault on the First Lady of the Universe, the fact should be entered that Mrs. Roosevelt is barnstorming constantly, possibly at reduced fees these days, in the interests of this formless new party.

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As Pegler Sees It:

## Sweden Supplies A Supreme Clue

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

STOCKHOLM: I have found here a clue to the mystery of Earl Warren's reliance on the opinion of a Swedish Socialist named Gunnar Myrdal to justify the Supreme Court decision which caused the Little Rock riots and great scandal at American expense in foreign countries.



PEGLER

Both of the Warrens have Swedish "background," meaning ancestry, and he gets a big hand here from those who manage public acclaim for visiting firemen. They visited Stockholm first in 1953, before the "integration" decision, and again in 1955, where the Swedes gave them the blue plate special. He was a great American judicial philosopher and statesman and he made a speech on Swedish-American Day.

California had watched his progress through turbulence caused by the dirtiest union rackets of the era in the State which has suffered most in morals and money from Harry Bridges, Dan Tobin, Dave Beck and many others at least as bad.

Warren always was markedly adroit rather than firm for the law against violence inflicted on law-abiding citizens by union goons. The few bloody noses at Little Rock have been ballyhooed to the discredit of the United States the world over. They were trifles by comparison with the mob scenes which California hoodlums of his own political following kicked up with no effective indignation from Warren in the role of Governor or in any of the subordinate jobs.

One general strike in his own home town of Oakland was a wild civil commotion involving no "labor" issue whatever. It was ordered by a thief named Dave Beck who was notorious even then as a thief, although Warren never yet has raised his voice to denounce him.

Beck was the great satrap of the western realm of the Teamsters' empire then ruled from Washington by Dan Tobin, the ignorant old drunkard who flung the grand orgy at the Statler in the Fall of 1944 when F. D. Roosevelt, as guest of honor, touched off his fourth term campaign against Tom Dewey.

Few in the United States ever had heard of Myrdal. Warren probably had, though, because he is a "Swedish" celebrity here and keeps in touch with Swedish politics and personalities. It may have been sheer accident that caused Warren to pull down Myrdal's "study" in the American Negro's problems which was subsidized by a tax-free American foundation.

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## **Made It Law of Land**

This tract by a short-term foreign sojourner in our country had no more status in this case than a comic strip or a timetable. It was not argued or submitted. Warren pulled it out of a shelf after the case was closed and made it the law of the land.

Warren is as garrulous and gregarious as politicians come. He will clear his throat, wave his arms and rumble "my friends" if he sees two or more people waiting for a bus. Though there is absolutely no restriction on his freedom of speech, he recently went into a frenzy at Earl Mazo, a Washington reporter of high repute, because Mazo had written a book in favor of Warren's political rival, Vice President Nixon.

By a trick of fate and Warren's selfishness, Nixon has now definitely headed off Warren from the road to the White House. Warren could have been where Nixon is if he had not jumped at the chance to be Chief Justice on a high income for life.

There was a small pouring in Washington at the home of Barnet Nover, a New Dealish reporter, and Warren encountered Mazo there. He went wild. Later, in Moscow, Mazo said Warren was complaining of a reference to himself and Nixon which just wasn't in the book. Warren held up his wrists together and yelled that he could not defend himself against aspersions because his hands were tied.

He said outright that he could not let reporters interview him when the straight fact is that only the day before this piece was written, in Stockholm, Warren shot off his face in both a speech and an interview at an American rally in West Berlin.

He can give interviews whenever he likes. He can open a saloon, tend bar and argue pending cases with the drunks for all that any law says to the contrary.

In Sweden, Myrdal is a hustler of the Social Democratic Party, the last thing on the left this side of communism. He is an inveterate public job holder and his wife is about the same type.

A few years ago the Myrdals both came out for large families and a facetious journalist recalled a publicity story illustrated by photographs of their separate bedrooms. He wondered whether this arrangement was conducive to propagation. Myrdal phoned this impudent fellow and squawked: "You have delivered my Alva to the sexual curiosity of the masses."

The journalist replied: "I was never aware that she could arouse sexual curiosity in anybody."

Now Alva is Ambassador to India.

July 23, 1959

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. DE LOACH**

Yesterday I talked with Mr. Richard Berlin of New York, who advised me that there was indication that suit might be filed against the Hearst Corporation for a column written by Westbrook Pegler on July 10, 1959, which appeared in the New York Journal American.

I have talked with Mr. Berlin today and am forwarding to him a copy of the memorandum containing public source information upon David Karr.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. DeLoach

July 23, 1959

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BACKGROUND:

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The Director has been contacted by Dick Berlin concerning a column by Westbrook Pegler which refers to David Karr and his communist connections. Apparently, an attorney named Neiser (phonetic) claims Pegler's statements concerning Karr are libelous. A copy of Pegler's column of July 10 1959, in the "New York Journal American" believed to be the column referred to by Berlin is attached. Mr. Hoover desired a summary of Karr's activities broken down into public source and non-public source data. Following is data for the Director's use.

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The attached Westbrook Pegler column indicates Karr is presently a magnate with Fairbanks Whitney Company.

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As Pegler Sees It:

## Little Davey—from Red to Capitalist

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

WITH A STRANGE AWE, I address these lines to a marvel who has become a magnate of big business in the Fairbanks Whitney Company, a new name on the New York Stock Exchange, compounded of Fairbanks Morse and Pratt-Whitney. This man is David Karr.



PEGLER

After a career on the Communist Daily Worker and in other Communist circles, in jobs as a penny-a-liner on New York papers and as a Fuller Brush salesman, with colossal gall and indomitable impudence, a flexibility not given to most men, and a gift of ability and diligence which an enemy would be foolish to deny, Karr has become in the estimate of George Sokolsky, who knows him rather well, "a millionaire," driven by his own chauffeur.

He wrote a book on proxy raids called "Fight for Control" which contains a fair recountal of Robert R. Young's conquest of New York Central. He has fought with many associates including Leopold Silberstein, the German refugee who ran the decrepit little Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Company into a spectacular but artificial success under the title of Penn-Texas. Its main asset was "a terrific tax-loss position."

In the end, Silberstein retreated to England, badly mauled by his old confederate, who has since then put together a jumble of American industrial names and proclaimed, in expensive full-page New York ads, the creation of an empire flaunting the proud and respected old name of Fairbanks, from Fairbanks Morse, the pump and tool manufacturers.

Karr did all this by stock manipulation after a fashion which he describes in his book.

In his introductory tribute to himself, Little Davey, as he was known to the old Dies Committee on Un-American Activities, gives thanks to Ben Javits, a New York lawyer, the brother of Senator Jacob Javits, for "invaluable guidance." Senator Javits owed gratitude to Davey for the assistance in his election campaign of a team of four press agents employed by Karr in a pretentious firm which now does a multi-million-dollar annual practice in the strange activity called "public relations."

Little Davey also thanks "my wife, Elizabeth," who succeeded his No. 1 wife, Madeline. Madeline helped to work up Egbert Murrow's terrible turkey about prostitution as an auxiliary of ordinary business practice in New York for the Columbia Broadcasting System. Murrow took a furlough of "one year," but Madeline was still on her job as a "researcher" for CBS, some weeks later. During their marriage, Madeline eased into the White House as a fully accredited correspondent for an obscure Greek language weekly paper published in New York. As soon as Harry Truman learned this lady's identity and connection, he ordered his friend, Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan, to cancel her credentials.

During the war, Karr burrowed into the Office of War Information as an expert on foreign languages although he neither spoke nor read any foreign language. Martin Dies, the chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, exposed his record and bounced him out. Howard Rushmore, former city editor of the Daily Worker, testified that Karr got assignments from him and had to show his party card to get these assignments. "At the time I knew him to be a Communist," Rushmore said.

But, for all that and much else, Little Davey seems to be sitting on top of a high heap in the capitalist system today.

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## Memorandum

TO : MR. MC GUIRE

DATE: 2-23-61

FROM : F. W. WALKART

SUBJECT: RETENTION OF DAILY COLUMNS  
OF FOUR NEWSPAPER COLUMNISTS  
NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

Reference is made to the memorandum from Jones to DeLoach dated 2-15-61 which approved the policy of filing only one copy of the daily columns of Victor Riesel, Drew Pearson, Westbrook Pegler and George Sokolsky.

The single copy of these clippings may be filed either in the substantive case file or in the file on the particular columnist. Since subject matter should control, and because of the fact as outlined in referenced memorandum that there has been no need for the control files, the single clipping will be filed according to whatever subject matter is mentioned by the particular columnist. In the future, if it is necessary to check all of the articles of any one of the particular columnists, it will be handled through back issues of newspapers in which they are published, which are presently maintained at the Library of Congress. As a result, there will no longer be available any control files on the above columnists, and accordingly it will not be necessary to quote file numbers for these files.

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For information.

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 2/15/61

FROM : M. A. Jones

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The purpose of this memorandum is to re-evaluate the current policy of clipping two copies of the daily columns of Victor Riesel, Drew Pearson, Westbrook Pegler and George Sokolsky.

CURRENT PROCEDURE:

One clipping is sent direct to the Director's Office. The other copy is routed first to Mr. DeLoach's Office and then to Mrs. Mead in the Records Section to be put in the main files of these four columnists. This procedure insures that a copy of these daily columns are readily available should the Director or any other Bureau official desire to see a past issue or raise a question about what was in a particular column. This procedure has been followed with regard to principal columnists for almost ten years. There is definitely a duplication of the columns in Bureau files since a column sent to the Director is routed around the Bureau and any columns reflecting the Director's notation or which contain information of value to the files are serialized and filed.

The Director and Mr. Tolson have repeatedly urged Bureau officials and supervisors to mark pertinent newspaper columns and clippings so that pertinent items will be indexed and retained in file. On a few occasions the column of one of the above four columnists could not be located. As a result, the procedure of sending a copy direct to file was instituted.

OBSERVATION:

The sending of a duplicate of each column directly to file has proved helpful on one or two occasions since this procedure was instituted. The time and expense on the part of personnel reviewing, indexing and filing these duplicate clippings and the space taken up by such files, does not seem to be justified on the basis of the benefits derived from this procedure. Should a particular column or series of columns be desired from past issues of the Washington and New York papers containing these

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Re: Retention of Daily Columns  
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columns, it would be a very inexpensive and rapid procedure to have a clerk go to the Library of Congress and review the back issues of these papers. Based on past experience, it would not be necessary to utilize such a procedure very frequently. The columns forwarded to the Director each day which contain information of value for permanent retention in Bureau files are appropriately indexed and are readily accessible.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the present policy of sending a duplicate clipping of the column of Pegler, Pearson, Sokolsky and Riesel directly to file be discontinued immediately.

(2) Should the Director desire a copy of each column written by these columnists, regardless of its content, be filed, it is recommended that the column sent to the Director be marked for file at the time it is clipped and mounted. In other words, each clipping would have the main file number of the columnist indicated directly on the mounting paper before it reaches the Director's Office.

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I Agree  
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Suggest we  
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November 24, 1961

Mr. Westbrook Pegler  
Route 6, Box 292  
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Pegler:

Permit me to take this opportunity to extend my heartiest congratulations to you on your recent marriage. You have my very best wishes for every possible happiness, and I hope the coming years will be filled with an abundance of all good things for both of you.

With kind regards,

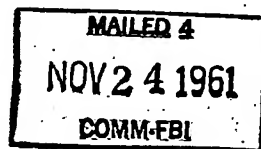
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: January 22, 1962

FROM : C. D. DeLoach *CDL*ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Westbrook Pegler called from Phoenix, Arizona, January 17, 1962. He stated he had some information to furnish us; however, so that we would have all the facts, he would follow-up by sending in several documents which would offer further explanation.

Pegler stated briefly that 10 years ago he personally started inquiry involving one [REDACTED] of the Prudential Insurance Company. He stated he had ascertained that Prudential currently is loaning money to promote the urban rehabilitation of downtown Boston, Massachusetts. Pegler's initial investigation of [REDACTED] reflected involvement with one [REDACTED] who later changed his name to [REDACTED]. He stated that a fellow by the name of [REDACTED] at one time gave [REDACTED] \$5,000 so that [REDACTED] could give him a loan. [REDACTED] also is involved with [REDACTED].

Pegler stated his investigation had uncovered some very unsavory facts concerning [REDACTED]. He further stated his investigation had indicated that [REDACTED] was perhaps a member of the Communist Party. Pegler interviewed [REDACTED] and asked him why he was involved with a communist. [REDACTED] denied that [REDACTED] was a member of the Communist Party.

Pegler also stated that [REDACTED] later became involved with the Georgia Pacific Power Company but was asked to resign after his "kick backs" became known to the board of directors.

Pegler stated he had turned this information over on one occasion to Jack Forest, the financial editor of the New York Times, however, Forest had not had intestinal fortitude enough to use these facts in his column. Pegler later turned this evidence over to Donald Rogers of the New York Herald Tribune. Rogers also refused to publish the story.

Pegler asked that in the event any arrests are made as a result of his information; that he be given at least a two-day break on the story. I told Pegler

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 1 - Mr. Jones  
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Re: Westbrook Pegler  
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as he well knew, we could not guarantee this inasmuch as the Department also had to be consulted in matters of this nature. He stated he understood this fact and was sending the information anyhow.

ACTION:

It is suggested this memorandum be forwarded to the Investigative Division for its information. Pegler was usual was most incoherent in conversation.

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November 9, 1961

Mr. Westbrook Pegler  
King Features Syndicate  
235 East 45th Street  
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Pegler:

Please accept my personal thanks for your straightforward column of November 6 in which you analyzed the development of the FBI's jurisdiction, and commented so favorably regarding my administration of this Bureau over the years.

Your support is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: We have had limited correspondence with Pegler. Last outgoing 2-6-59. Address per "Names and Numbers." Advance copy of Pegler's column sent to us by Honorable Richard E Berlin. See letter of same date to Berlin.  
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WESTBROOK PEGLER  
KING FEATURES SYNDICATE  
235 EAST 45TH ST.  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

Rte 6 Box 292 Tucson September 13 1962

Dear Mr Hoover:

Referring to Ping Ferry's remarks

of recent date I think it would amuse you to know that a few years ago I was dining with Hugh Ferry, his father, and others at the Detroit A.C. and that Hugh, then with Packard, woefully remarked that he and Mrs Ferry were much worried and upset about Ping's activities

He asked me what they could do and I said, "Well you might shoot him." Hugh thought this was a little drastic. He said further that Mrs Ferry was especially unhappy because the boy had lost some of his enthusiasm for his Catholic religion. Later on the phone in New York, Ping started to volunteer some information to me on this phase but I shut him off with a remark that I did not believe my interest justified my receiving such a confidence.

Hugh Ferry went from Packard to Studebaker-Packard under Paul Hoffman. I do not know anything further about Hugh. He was a very respectable man. He may have died. So many of my old contemporaries have.

I never did regard Hoffman as a Republican -- nor Ike, either. But Hoffman is tricky and an adventurer whereas Ike is just dumb. You may remember that Hoffman did an article for Collier's not long before it conked undertaking to read Barry Goldwater and Joe McCarthy out of the Republican Party. At his press conference a few days later, Ike half-heartedly assented to this. Now Hoffman has married Anna Rosenberg, proving everything.

Did you read where Junior Hearst's baby-sitter, Frank Conniff wrote in the Los Angeles Examiner April 1, 1961, that the FBI "watches Fascist, Nazi, Communist and all anti American groups" -- including the John Birch Society.

Sincerely, and don't both to acknowledge this.

PS: - I do not remember the chronology but Hoffman got hold of the Ford Foundation and, later, was dumped into the Fund for the Republic. Now he has some nominal job with the United Nations.

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September 19, 1962

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Mr. Westbrook Pegler  
Route 6, Box 292  
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Pegler:

I have received your letter of  
September 13, 1962. It was certainly thought-  
ful of you to furnish me this information con-  
cerning the background of Mr. W. H. Ferry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Section concerning correspondence with whom we have had prior  
limited correspondence.

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Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Evans  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

Thanksgiving

Dear Mr Hoover:

I think you are in political trouble and I hope you win -- if you want to. Your higher authorities have been partial to your adversaries but Mankind seems to be in a madness. If there is any unrestricted official material on that Soblen, the Russian spy who fled to Israel, I would be grateful for a copy. What the hell did that Bittenweiser woman mean by going his bond? How did he get here in the first place.

I think you have turned in a fine performance over the years and I resent this dirty effort to louse you up. The Kennedys are trying to make a Godman of a typical thuggish shanty politician. I knew him well and I never knew anything good about him. He betrayed Joe McCarthy to Eleanor and that was an act of terrible treachery. I believe McCarthy died broken hearted.

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What legal authority had that stinking Warren to constitute a "commission" and hold such loose-jointed "hearings"? The Tucson Chamber of Commerce has just as good authority. What about a Texas State Grand jury? This was a state crime with no Federal involvement. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Westbrook Pegler  
West Magee Road  
Route 6, Box 292  
Tucson, Arizona

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Dear Mr. Pegler:

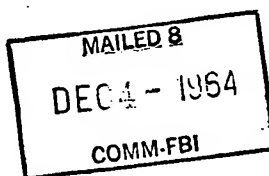
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I received your letter of November 26th and want to thank you for your support of my administration of the FBI.

In response to your request, I am enclosing a copy of the press release issued by this Bureau at the time of Dr. Robert Sobel's arrest in 1960. This release is the only material this Bureau has available for distribution in this matter, and you may, perhaps, wish to refer to newspaper accounts of his death by suicide on September 11, 1962.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosure

NOTE: We have had prior limited correspondence with Mr. Pegler with the last outgoing 9-19-62. Over the years our relations with Pegler have become strained and he has often been critical of the Bureau.  
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Mr. Westbrook Pegler

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~. Dr. Robert Soble (Soblen) is the brother of Jack Soble, the well-known Soviet espionage agent. Dr. Robert Soble was indicted for violations of Espionage Act based upon Federal Grand Jury Proceedings in New York. Much of the material before the grand jury originated from such highly confidential sources the Bureau has been reluctant to release many of the facts pertaining to this case. Therefore, no attempt is being made to be explicit concerning the Soblen case.



C O P Y

November 29, 1960

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Attorney General William P. Rogers today released the following information furnished to him by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI:

Mr. Hoover announced the arrest today by FBI Agents in New York City of Dr. Robert Soble, aged 60, of 128 Fort Washington Avenue, New York City, on charges of conspiracy to commit espionage as a member of a Soviet espionage ring.

Mr. Hoover stated the arrest was made on the basis of a Federal warrant issued November, 1960, at New York City following Soble's indictment by a Federal Grand Jury there.

The arrest of Soble by the FBI was another in a series of similar arrests during the past several years of Soviet agents who have been identified as the result of the FBI's scrutiny of the clandestine activities of Vassili Zubilin who reportedly once was a general in the N.K.V.D. Zublin at one time served as Third Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C. Mr. Hoover pointed out that Dr. Soble is the brother of Jack Soble, who, together with his wife, Myra Soble, and Jacob Albam, was arrested by FBI Agents in New York City in January, 1957, for

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conspiring to commit espionage as a member of a Soviet espionage ring. Jack Soble, at the time of his arrest, had long been involved in Soviet intelligence activity and at one time had under his supervision other Soviet agents in the United States. Jacob Albam had worked under Jack Soble's direction. Following their arrest, Jack and Myra Soble and Jacob Albam pleaded guilty in April, 1957, and were sentenced to Federal prison.

According to Mr. Hoover, Robert Soble entered the United States in October, 1941, and was naturalized as an American citizen in May, 1947. He has been engaged in the medical profession in New York City for the past several years.

The section of the Espionage Statute which Dr. Soble is charged with conspiring to violate carries a maximum penalty of death or imprisonment for any term of years or for life. Dr. Soble will be arraigned in New York City as soon as possible.

Background data on Soble is attached.

**DR. ROBERT SOBLE, 60, aka**

**Ruvelis Leiba Sobolevicius, Robert Sobly, Roman Soble,  
Ruvim Robert Soblen  
128 Fort Washington Avenue  
New York, New York**

**Dr. Robert Soble was born November 7, 1900, at Vilkaviskis, Lithuania. He entered the United States at San Francisco, California, on October 20, 1941, under the name Ruvelis Leiba Sobolevicius, from Shanghai, China. Soble became a naturalized American citizen in New York City on May 5, 1947. In September, 1927, he married Dina Volberg (Soble). They have one daughter who is married.**

**In 1944 and 1945 Dr. Soble, who obtained his medical degree at the University of Bern in Switzerland, was employed as a translator and consultant connected with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. In 1945 and 1946 he was an advisor with the UNRRA on specifications for medical instruments and equipment to be used in Europe. After 1946 he practiced as a private physician in New York City. In 1954, he became a resident physician at Rockland State Hospital, Orangeburg, New York. Soble maintains medical offices at 50 West 72nd Street, New York City.**

**Prior to coming to the United States and during the period 1922-1935 Soble studied at the University of Leipzig and the University of Berlin in Germany, as well as the University of Bern in Switzerland. He was attached to a hospital in Berlin from 1930-1931; the University Hospital at Bern from 1934-1935; University Hospital in Paris, 1936-1937; and City Hospital, Kaunas, Lithuania, from 1937-19**

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TO : MR. TAVEL *STH*

DATE: 4-4-66

FROM : L. E. SHORR *LEY*

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WESTBROOK PEGLER

The above listed file has been called to our attention by personnel of the Consolidation Unit. It consists of 42 sections beginning in 1935. All of these sections contain Pegler's columns clipped mostly from the Washington Post and the New York Journal American. No clippings have been placed in file since 1962. There has been limited correspondence with Mr. Pegler with the last outgoing dated 12/4/64. The majority of these clippings do not contain any indexing.

Destruction of this mail would result in saving space in the file room. This category of mail is authorized under the general records schedule and no further archival authority is requested.

Attention is called to the memorandum from F. W. Waikart to Mr. McGuire dated 2/23/61 (66-1897-710) to the effect that back issues of Pegler's columns are maintained at the Library of Congress. It is requested that the Crime Records Division review the above listed file to determine if any reason exists that would preclude destruction of these clippings. A notation advising of the decision reached may be placed on this memorandum and returned to the Consolidation Unit of the Records Branch, Room 7231.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For referral to the Crime Records Section.

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# Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Trotter

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 9/13/66

FROM : C. D. DE LOACH

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Wick

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

VICTIMS;

ALLEGED KIDNAPING  
CALL FROM WESTBROOK PEGLER  
(FORMER COLUMNIST) 9/12/66

Westbrook Pegler called at 9:30 p.m., 9/12/66, regarding the captioned individuals. He explained that he was a friend of the parents of these individuals. Pegler stated that both victims were students at the University of Arizona. They recently went to Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, to work in a forest preserve. They left Coeur d' Alene on Sunday, 9/11/66, driving a yellow "Bronco" 1966 Ford automobile. They were en route to Tucson, Arizona, to continue their education at the University. Their parents have not heard from them. The parents now feel that they have met with harm although there is no evidence whatsoever indicating kidnaping or any difficulty other than the fact that the alleged victims have not shown up on schedule.

I explained to Pegler that there did not appear to be a violation of the kidnaping statute and that while we would be glad to place a stop notice on any fingerprints received under the above names with localities as backgrounds, that there was little else that could be done. I asked Pegler for physical descriptions and home addresses. He stated he did not have these details. He indicated he would attempt to obtain these from the parents and would advise us later.

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SOLE ADDRESS: KINGSYN NEW YORK

# KING FEATURES

235 EAST 45th STREET  
AKA "PEG"

Rte 6 Box 292 Tucson July

## SYNDICATE

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS MUST BE ADDRESSED  
TO KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

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OFFICE OF  
WESTBROOK PEGLER

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murder who was stabbed to death in the garment district in New York in 1949. He was said to have been 40 years old. [redacted] was acquitted of the murder in NY County and disappeared. It is possible that he too was murdered. I do not speculate on that.

However, I find that William Lurie, said to have been 17 years old got SIX MONTHS IN THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION, CHICAGO, AND WAS HELD TO GJ IN \$5,000 bail, IN JUNE 9, 1948. HE AND OTHERS WERE SAID TO HAVE DONE 100 BURGLARIES.

Do your records indicate whether this could have been one and the same man? If they were the same, I have a good story and a contribution to the sum of knowledge on some rackets. I hope I am not asking anything prohibited by the terms of your office. I will phone you in a week or so.

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All the best, sincerely,  
*[Signature]*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

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DATE: August 6, 1957

FROM : M. A. Jones

DATE 12/7/83 BY SP7MVK/KA

SUBJECT: WILLIAM LURYE

FBI NUMBER 180519

B. 10-17-11

DECEASED

CHICAGO ILL.

AKA "PEG"

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In his letter to you dated July, 1957, Westbrook Pegler of King Features Syndicate inquired if William Lurye who was stabbed to death in New York in 1949 could be identical with a person of the same name who served six months in a house of correction in Chicago and was held to the Grand Jury in \$5,000 bail on June 9, 1928, accused of having participated in 100 burglaries. Pegler closes his note with the comment that he will phone you in a week or so.

On May 9, 1949, William Lurye of 401 Alabama Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, an organizer for the Dress Joint Board--CIO, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, was fatally stabbed in a telephone booth at 224 West 35th Street in New York City and died 12 hours later in St. Vincent's Hospital. New York City Police Department identified his assailants as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

On June 21, 1949, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were indicted by the New York County Grand Jury for first degree murder. On June 18, 1950, [REDACTED] was surrendered to the New York City Police Department by Walter Winchell, newspaper columnist and radio commentator. [REDACTED] was held in jail about 18 months before he was brought to trial as the police department hoped to apprehend [REDACTED] and have them stand trial together. During this waiting period [REDACTED] was able "to get to" [REDACTED] one of the main witnesses, with the result that [REDACTED] perjured himself during the trial causing [REDACTED] acquittal.

Attached are two copies of the criminal record of William Lurye, FBI Number 180519. This record indicates that William Lurye who was stabbed and died at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York in 1949, was arrested by the Chicago, Illinois, Police on May 27, 1928, for burglary and robbery of a telephone box. On April 11, 1929, he was

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Jones to Nichols memo

received at the State Reformatory at Pontiac, Illinois, to serve a sentence for burglary of from 1 year to life. The master print on file in the Identification Division indicates that William Lurye, FBI Number 180519, was born October 17, 1911, Chicago, Illinois. Since this individual has been deceased over 5 years, the fingerprint cards other than the master print have been destroyed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Mr. Pegler be advised of the contents of the criminal record of William Lurye, FBI Number 180519, which indicates that an individual involved in burglaries in Chicago in 1928 is identical with William Lurye who died of stab wounds at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York in 1949.

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August 8, 1957

AIRMAIL

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Mr. Westbrook Pegler  
Route 6  
Box 292  
Tucson, Arizona

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Dear Peg:

Upon returning to the city I received your letter which is postmarked July 30. For your information, and without attribution, the fingerprint records reflect that William Lurye was arrested by the Police Department, Council Bluffs, Iowa, on March 3, 1927, on a charge of investigation - auto larceny, fugitive from justice. He was turned over to the Sheriff's Office on March 8, 1927, and subsequently turned over to the Federal authorities and released on bond March 15, 1927.

He was next arrested by the Sheriff's Office, Council Bluffs, Iowa, February 9, 1928, on violation of parole. He was fingerprinted by the Chicago Police Department on May 27, 1928, on a charge of robbery-telephone box, burglary, and given 6 months, House of Correction, \$5.00 costs. The disposition we have also carries a notation "\$5,000 CC." This could mean held to Grand Jury. - omit

He was received at the State Reformatory, Pontiac, Illinois, on April 11, 1929, on a charge of burglary to serve a term of one year to life. The records carry the notation, William Louyre - stabbed and died, St. Vincents Hospital, date not given, but the print was received on May 16, 1949. We do not have any of the details of the burglaries in Illinois. The Chicago Police Department number on the May 27, 1928, arrest was "C 14300."

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

L. B. Nichols

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# Pegler

## Why Didn't Someone Wave a Flag?

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

NEW YORK, Aug. 30—There are "forces" which will try to scoff away the "Philip Dru" plot to destroy this country which has been concealed for 43 years, most of it held in a secret room of the Yale Library which contains the unpublished papers of Col. E. M. House. Substantial fact and superstition have invested this mysterious business with fearsomeness. Serious, intelligent persons have warned me that individuals who inquire too diligently will be smeared to extinction. One of them goes so far as to say that one might be killed by the "cabala." All this may sound juvenile. But the few of us who have studied the well-known but unpublished facts of the so-called mass sedition trial during the war and the terrible persecution of patriotic Americans at the instigation of unseen powers by the Buchanan Committee on lobbying well know the ruthlessness of the smear.



I ask myself how certain wise, wordly publishers and editors, the king-makers who walked with Wilson, Lloyd Georges and Clemenceau and enjoyed acquaintance but apparently not the confidence of Col. House, could have boot-ed this story. Or, if they rejected it as fantasy, how can those who are still living excuse their failure to tell the people and let them judge? The people might have felt warned that Roosevelt and Truman were just the tools of an unsuspected influence which was determined to debilitate our Constitution, destroy our national sovereignty, substitute Marx for Jefferson and Roosevelt for God and throw us all into a gibbering, insensate brotherhood of many under the Kremlin.

ROOSEVELT certainly was implicated in this. Col. House latched onto Roosevelt's mother, old Sara of the lantern-jaw who had learned the cold, brutal reality of life aboard her father's China Clipper in the opium racket in China. She was a strong, hard character as Eleanor complained in her endless lucrative memoirs. I confess that it is news to me that Col. House sported around Hyde Park and the neighboring up-river baronies and that he cultivated Sara and other females of her supercilious set. But I try not to resist information and now new knowledge is filling in areas of a puzzle which hitherto had no visible pattern.

Roosevelt's mother is supposed to have got him his job

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as Assistant Secretary of the Navy under Josephus Daniels. But, considering House's boast that he personally picked Wilson for President and personally listed those from whom the Cabinet was picked, including Brandeis for Attorney General, who landed on the Supreme Court, instead, shall we scorn the possibility that House also picked Roosevelt as a colt for his futurity? A man who was then intimate with these people comes forward with a statement that House also cultivated Averell Harriman's sister, Mary Harriman Rumsey; Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt; Mrs. Willard Straight and a Miss Ruth Morgan, described as a spinster friend of old Sara but no relation to J. P. Mrs. Tom Lamont also was in the circle. So House apparently spotted one of our earliest millionaire Reds. This malevolent old woman absolutely bossed her mushy husband, who also ran with Reds, however, even while he ruled the House of Morgan. Tom Lamont liked them. One of the highest American negotiators at the Versailles Peace Conference has said that Mrs. Lamont was the reddest American there. Her son, Corliss, came by his politics honestly and yet he took us a little by surprise within the last decade when we should have been warned 35 years ago.

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WHEN Roosevelt was nominated the first time, he flew to Chicago to accept. And one biographer, hitherto unchallenged, wrote that after he had accepted, he made a pilgrimage to Col. House in Massachusetts. Why weren't we told the significance of this? Why didn't someone wave a flag?

Roosevelt wrote a political plan called "On Our Way" which had little value, even as a commitment, for his commitments had little value. But "On Our Way" has a revealed meaning now that one reads the audacious political plot which Col. House put on paper as a corny novel even before he hit upon Woodrow Wilson and drew from him a promise to obey his instructions and to let House pick his Cabinet.

The difficulty of driving this warning home lies in the fact that some time after Wilson died House tried to expunge the book. A facsimile of a letter to his publisher indicates he gave orders that all the copies that could be found be bought up and destroyed. I believe, subject to further inquiry, that only a few copies of the first edition still exist. There was a second edition, but the book is so scarce that it was quoted at \$40 a few days ago. It may be twice that now. And all this time "Philip Dru: Administrator" has been a fearsome term which men have hardly dared to utter as tho afraid they might be struck dead.

As Pegler Sees It:

## About the Proud And the Brave

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

**B**OSTON: Charlie MacGillivray, an old Ranger, came up to do a little sitting and talking about the convention of the Medal of Honor Men in Boston next April. His problem is to raise \$10,000 to pay the fare and rations of those among 300 men who hold the star-spangled ribbon who can't afford the trip. Donations are not deductible.



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Charlie is a blocky, black-haired man, rising 40, with a job in the Boston Customs House, married post-war and the father of three girls, the oldest now 11. He fought in the shambles of Dieppe where American Rangers and picked Canadians and English were butchered. He came through without a scratch, but a German shot his left arm off at the shoulder at The Bulge.

Charlie is all right now, except some lumps on his forehead from doors banged as he tried to pick up a little money to bring the annual reunion to Boston.

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I HAD CLIPPED A LITTLE ITEM about John Joseph Kelly, who dropped dead on a bridge at Fort Lauderdale at midnight. John Joseph was a little Marine, 57, when he died, so only 17 when he wiped out a German strong-point 40 years ago. We went walking in Lakeland last Fall and John Joseph plopped down on a bench in a little park and said his heart was hurting. I wanted to hustle brandy, but he said he had diabetes and had to settle for nitro which he carried always now.

The nitro boosted him up so we sat up late in a local coffee John's and he said he was heading into Tampa to find a bachelor layout where he could perk his own coffee and boil an egg. He had a pension and he could use more money, but he had had words with his brother Tom, who ran a grease-joint in Chicago, and he would take nothing from the likes of him. In Tampa, the Marine Corps League tried to find him, but he had headed for Hot Springs, Ark., where his good friend Owney Madden, an awful scoundrel, as you remember, put his markers on the spike.

And in January, in Chicago, Tom, that spalpeen, proudly showed me pictures of John Joseph, a boy of 17, but the very model of a brave Marine, receiving his Medal of Honor from Pershing in France. Tom had passed the word to Madden and others along the line of John Joseph's peregrinations to keep him in enough money for comfort and send the tabs to him. A dirty trick to play on a brave and proud Marine. The grease-joint was St. Hubert's Grill, the most expensive restaurant in the country.

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CHARLIE MacGILLIVRAY told his own story willingly, but only on request and quietly. The Germans lay in deep snow, covered with white sheets, and the Rangers were stopped. Patrols disappeared. So Charlie got an automatic rifle and a few grenades and belled up a hill until his eyes descried the soles of the shoes of a team of three with a machine gun. He killed them by surprise and belled along to kill another crew of three. The last three Germans were ready for him, but he dropped a grenade among them, killing two and wounding the third.

"I was all out of ammunition now," Charlie said, "so I rolled into a depression. But the last German managed to swing the gun around on the swivel and knocked my arm off. My blood froze so I didn't bleed out and our bunch came up in about half an hour."

"Did they kill that last German?"

"No," Charlie said. "The poor guy was unconscious so they just grabbed him. He was a brave man."

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As Pegler Sees It:

# Population Shift North and South

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

**B**OSTON: When I blew a gasket in New Orleans a few weeks ago and flew to the Lahey Clinic for the standard indignities, I was just about to deal with the greatest shift of population within our country in all our history. The Negro is moving northward.



PEGLER

A great migration of white young people, most of them couples with small children and many of them educated, are going into the new industrial South and Southwest. Most of the migrating Negroes never will go back South. This immigration is for keeps. It may turn out well for descendants of the emigres long hence.

The Negro population of some rural Mississippi counties has fallen 30 per cent since 1950. And the New York State Commission Against Discrimination has announced that the non-white population of Greater New York increased by 320,221, or 41.3 per cent, since 1950. The white population dropped 416,707, or 5.9 per cent.

Southern "industry," including a colossal, hundred-mile strip of petroleum and chemical works lining the Mississippi River from Baton Rouge to New Orleans, is draining down into the South a great migration of young Yankees. Vast and awesome though it is, this gigantic development is only the biggest, not the only one, in Dixie and the West. New Orleans is holding her Negro population. They share with the local white people a peculiar attachment to this interesting homeland and they are important in the operation of a seaport looking onto Latin America second only to New York and much more efficient.

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## Feelings Have Changed 17

The old Dixie ostracism of the Yankee, derived from persecution long after the Civil War, at last has been waived. Yankees who served in Southern camps in the second war have married Southern girls and Rebel men served with Yanks under all conditions. Personal relations have obliterated the discrimination which we who ventured South in 1916 and down through the second Klan were angrily aware of.

This shift of Negro population will be a sad and painful experience to most of the migrants. Their grandchildren may have a better time.

The North has no fitting quarters, for the influx and the bulk of the rural Negro migrants are greenhorns bound to be bilked and led into evil ways by members of their own race. The Rev. Joseph Winthrop Holley, D.D., a rather saintly old Negro educator, president of Albany State College in Georgia, has been imploring Negroes to stick to their old homeland.

"No other section offers all the opportunities available to the Negro in the South," he wrote. "Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles and New York have concentrations of misery, of slum living and frustration. The fact that so many mothers work all day breaks up the solidarity of the home, leaving boys and girls at the mercy of demoralizing influences of the streets."

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

**TO : The Director**

DATE: 5 13 67

FROM : J. P. Mohr

**SUBJECT: The Congressional Record**

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Senator Goldwater, (R) Arizona, spoke concerning improper practices in the labor and management field. He included with his remarks several newspaper articles and editorials on the same subject. References to the FBI, contained in the material submitted by Mr. Goldwater, were set forth in a memorandum written earlier this date.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for Thursday, July 1, 1943 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I enclose herewith some letters and other stuff which I have received from [REDACTED] who is unknown to me but has been writing me erratic letters and sending me gratuitously a variety of his personal documents for a couple of years. Apparently this man has served a prison term and a jail sentence. I have never met him and all I know is hearsay from correspondence. Several times he has threatened to shoot me and boasted of his finesse with pistols. He ranges widely around the country, and I gather, carries a small son with him and is a hell of a problem to a woman who seems to be his aunt and lives in California.

I have no personal fear in this situation, but I do think the guy will bear looking at because he might do someone great harm for no reason at any moment. His letters to me are alternately approving and hostile. Incidentally, I have thrown away most of this fellow's communications.

~~I am not timid but~~ If you have jurisdiction you might want to take a look at him. Possibly the Post Office would have jurisdiction.

Bureau files reflect [REDACTED] wrote the Director on 12-5-57 requesting the Director to send someone to see him as he wanted to find out if he had been a victim of a gigantic hoax or whether he was mentally ill. He stated it concerned Westbrook Pegler. His letter was not acknowledged as it appeared he was mentally unbalanced. The Butte Office advised that [REDACTED] had telephonically contacted that office and informed that there was a question in his mind as to whether he was going crazy. At that time he stated he had written a letter to the Director telling the Director about his mental condition. He was questioned as to whether he had any other motive in desiring to see an Agent and insisted his only motive was his

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Mr. Westbrook Pegler  
King Features Syndicate  
235 East 45th Street  
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Dear Mr. Pegler:

Your letter of January 22, 1958, with  
enclosures, has been received.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in furnishing  
the information concerning [redacted] On the basis  
of the material which you furnished, it does not appear that  
there has been any violation within the jurisdiction of the FBI;  
however, you might desire to contact the Chief Inspector, Post  
Office Department, Pennsylvania Avenue between Twelfth and  
Thirteenth Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C. The  
enclosures which you made available are being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Letter to [redacted] from John M. Dalton dated 1-10-58  
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NOTE: Relations with Pegler have been strained over the years, and he  
has often been critical of the Bureau and its operations. Bufiles reflect no  
recent correspondence to him from the Director. Bufiles reflect that [redacted]  
[redacted] referred to by Pegler, is emotionally unstable. In December,  
1957, [redacted] desired to be interviewed by an Agent and when contacted,

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advised he was concerned about his mental condition. The correspondence to Pegler from [REDACTED] does not contain any threats. [REDACTED] has furnished Pegler with various statements, bank statements, receipts, affidavits, Board of Health certificates, etc., none of which is of any apparent interest to this Bureau, and it is all being returned to Pegler.



George Spelvin, American:

## A Veteran Liar Fights the Truth

(Here is another autobiographical chapter in the life of "George Spelvin, American," as reported by Westbrook Pegler.)

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

SELF AND WIFE we like to sometimes drop in at Leonard's for a beer and a ham-rye before bedtime and boy, after a couple of seidels of that nutrition-packed, super-vitaminized Pilsenburgerbrau, you can sleep like nobody's business, as the old "say-ing" hath it.



PEGLER

So we were sitting there, and I have seen this character before and Joe Leonard says he has been with the gas company over 20 years. I have great respect for freedom of speech, it is the first law of nature, but I do not like to have rum-dum saloon characters climbing into my lap when I and Dreamie are having a quiet bedtime beer and a snack of ham-rye. Or Swiss-rye, either.

Well, so this bum began to shinny down off that high stool, like one of those little brown bears in the zoo climbing down a tree. He had been watching the fights. I have seen better fights in a schoolyard.

So this party said, pardon me, ma'am, sir, I wonder if you would give me your angle on a proposition.

I said be absent bum, be somewhere else. But Dreamie kicked me a little kick on the foot, she said to the guy, she said, what is your proposition with regards to this inquiry that you desire to get our angle?

The bum said well, I spend a lot of time thinking all by myself, you do not get interrupted so much that way so I decided all this talk about truth is very confusing. Because he said, personally, I am a veteran liar. I lie all the time. How about you?

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### **Dreamie Sets Him Right**

Dreamie said oh, you are very mistaken. I mean, after all, you know the old saying, quote, the truth shall set you free.

The bum laughed. He said you should excuse the expression, ma'am, sir, but that is a darn lie.

I said hold still, friend, are you calling my lawful wife a liar?

The guy said well, she just told a lie, I guess that is a liar now that you ask me.

I started to get up out of my chair, but Dreamie said, please Pop, the poor guy spends so much time alone, maybe he needs to get straightened out. I said well nobody can call you a liar, I will bust him down with a volley of lefts and rights to the head and body.

The guy said, well, that would not prove she told the truth. That would only prove I am a worse fighter than you are. I never was any good as a fighter, my worst trouble is I am a coward, if I was not such a coward I could lick you easy.

Dreamie said oh gee whiz, gosh, she said why that is the worst thing I ever heard any man say, to say you are a coward, you ought to be very, very ashamed.

The guy said well, so when I tell the truth you say I ought to be ashamed, see what I mean? The truth will set you free. Of all the crazy darn lies, because one day this judge ast me, is it true you threw the brick at the cop?

I said I certainly did and I nalled the bum but good, and that was the truth.

Did the truth set me free? A thousand times no. The truth got me six months in jail.

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Dear Mr Hoover:

I don't know the source of this and I offer it  
not as ~~new~~ information but only on the off chance that it may amplify  
something you already know about some pending or unfinished business.  
Just got your Masters of Deceit. Nice going but too bad you can't tell  
the truth about that wicked old bitch. I am persuaded we have another  
Hiss apparatus going now but on their own and without a Party. If I  
were a kid of draft age I would go to prison but never to war to fight  
for her and Truman and Ike's mob of parasites. Kids can think. What does  
kid think of way up in North Korea beset by Marshall's and Wallace's  
chinks, inspired by Roosevelt's and Truman's pal, Stalin?

I offer the enclosure in strict confidence for your  
eyes only.

Sincerely,

*Westbrook Pegler*  
Westbrook Pegler

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*[Signature]*

April 14, 1958.

Dear Mr. Pegler:

Here's a situation that would bear watching:--

For some reason, not apparent at the moment, the Jews are trying to whitewash [REDACTED] the murderer who spent 15 years in Sing Sing and who was recently released. He is located at [REDACTED]

Why didn't they send him down to Puerto Rico with that other criminal recently released from Chicago? The Puerto Ricans send their criminals up here; the trade should be reciprocal and the Americans should send some back, out of gratitude.

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The Jews prepared the way for the parole of this [REDACTED] and they pushed it through. They also saw to it that he [REDACTED] Isn't the Protestant Church polluted enough [REDACTED] when he has only just recently saved his own neck....there still being some doubt whether he can save his soul from the awful crimes he was associated with.

Ruth Reynolds, of the Boston Advertiser, came up with an article about him last Sunday, in the same issue with G. Edgar Hoover's article on "Masters of Deceit". Somehow, this ties in as part of the strategy of deceit.

He did kill Molly Starace. And he was her sweetheart, regardless of what Reynolds is trying to say now. And he was an active part of [REDACTED] arsenic murder ring.

[REDACTED] admitted to me that she put arsenic in that old man's coffee; that she and Molly planned to murder him that Sunday afternoon. That [REDACTED] knew all about it, and his reason for shooting Molly was because she had a letter implicating him. [REDACTED] said to me, "He saved the old man's life.....the old man was going to die anyway. And he killed Molly, whose life was ahead of her!" This woman confessed some details to me while I was with that special prosecution in the hope that I could get things rolling to get [REDACTED] into the electric chair. She was afraid the D.A.'s office were going to release him for "singing" about the arsenic murders. And she came to me day after day, repeating and repeating, and pleading and pleading.

ARE THE JEWS GOING TO USE HIM IN SOME OF THEIR SHEMONEGANS DOWN JERSEY-WAY? He'd make a strategic confession box, wouldn't he now? And he could be a purveyor of information. If I were an FBI agent, I'd put [REDACTED] under surveillance....and watch everything he did. [REDACTED]

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[redacted] the leader of that poison ring (they murdered them by the carload), was [redacted]  
It's in his blood. [redacted]

[redacted] hasn't purged him of his bloody impulses; the way that church has been going in recent years.....it could sustain him in crime.....a conspiracy.....that could lead to the deaths of innocent people fighting Communism.

WHY are the Jews so concerned with this whitewash?  
Just WHY?

Who is this Rev. Dr. Frederick K. Schweitzer, president of the seminary in Bloomfield? Could he be a Jew or half-Jew? [redacted]  
They are referring to the strategic release of [redacted] and his switcheroo from murderer to [redacted]

Some miracle!!! Hah!

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P.S. The Anti-Defamation League is hoping to get a defamation suit out of this case

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P.S. 2 Incidentally, your Sunday story appears on the other side of Reynold's article [redacted]  
G. Edgar Hoover and Westbrook Pegler.

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